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## All settlement offers withdrawn Briney v. Road Commission heads to trial

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Just when James Briney thought his Worker's Compensation case against the Road Commission for Crawford County was settled, all settlement offers previously made by attorneys representing the insurance company were withdrawn after an April 7 hearing. Briney was present for the proceedings.

Briney was offered and agreed to a \$140,000 settlement in early March. In late March, insurance attorneys added a provision preventing Briney or his wife from ever suing the Road Commission or former commissioners Robert Nelson and Raymond Swiercz in particular. Miffed by the additional provisions, Briney's attorney requested a final judgement of the settlement be made by the court and a release be signed allowing the Brineys to file a counter claim if either men sue, as they have both claimed they will do, under oath in their depositions.

In an appearance before Judge Dennis F. Murphy, Briney's attorney, Cynthia Fitzgerald asked that

the original settlement be enforced. Fitzgerald said a date had already been set for redemption of the claim.

Fitzgerald said the settlement came as a result of "numerous protracted phone calls and letters," and used three examples of case law where settlements were finalized relying upon such activity, therefore arguing the defense motion that there is nothing in writing. Fitzgerald commented, "The defendants by their writing clearly articulated their agreement to settle," and to deny the agreement "would make a mockery of the entire judicial system."

Attorney Tom McCarthy, representing Cambridge Integrated Services Group, argued his client never had a settlement, "Not even close... not by a mile... not by a couple of miles," he said. McCarthy commented that although the dollar amount was agreed to, his firm is not in the position to have Nelson and Swiercz sign a release. "They are not my clients -- the Road

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## Scouts reach highest goal



Photo by Linda Golnick

Brian Stewart (left) and Matt Evon (right) stated the Eagle Scout Promise, administered by Loren Goodale Jr. (background), committee chairman for Boy Scout Troop 979. Stewart and Evon were awarded their Eagle Scout status on April 9 before family, friends and fellow scouts. For the complete story, see Page 3A.

## Intervention denied in zoning variance case

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Representing Jack Hall, attorney David Sabin went before Judge Dennis F. Murphy in 46th Circuit Trial Court requesting his client be allowed to become party to a lawsuit pending between Jack Mahank and Grayling Township.

In January, Hall was granted a Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing because he believed a variance was issued for a garage being built in the front yard of Jack Mahank's property without proper notification of neighboring property owners. Hall's view of Lake Margrethe from his residence is now obstructed by Mahank's garage, something the ordinance does not address.

The variance was not issued with the approval of the Zoning Board, but was issued instead by Township Supervisor Terry Wright, acting in the capacity of Zoning Administrator. According to township ordinance, Wright has the authority to make such decisions. Wright issued the variance after repeated attempts by Mahank to acquire land next to his property from Hall failed.

At the January public hearing the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals voted to overturn Wright's decision to grant a variance and ordered Mahank to remove the

garage.

Attorney Richard Jaskowski, representing Mahank told Judge Murphy he didn't believe Hall could be party to the suit because it concerns Mahank's request to overturn the Zoning Board of Appeals decision and not the original issue of a possible improperly issued variance.

Sabin argued his client needed representation in the case stating, "Not merely a view has been impeded by this monstrosity," but also his client's rights under the existing township ordinance.

There was some discussion over utilizing the minutes from the public hearing as a reference in the Mahank v. Grayling Township. Grayling Township Board of Appeals, Judge Murphy ordered a transcript be made from tapes of the meeting to be used in the future.

Judge Murphy said he would not grant Hall permission to intervene, but would allow him to issue a brief stating his interest in the case.

## Proposed city budget available for inspection

► Council to hold budget work session, public hearing

The City of Grayling is currently in the process of adopting the budget for the next fiscal year.

City Manager Allen Lowe presented the City Council with the proposed budget on Monday, April 10. The council will now review the budget and possibly make changes at later meetings.

The council will hold a budget work session on April 24, and a public hearing on the new budget will be conducted on May 8.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection at the city office (located on M-72 West in the Century 21 building) and at the Crawford County Library.

## Larceny suspects nabbed in Glen's Market parking lot

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two Grayling residents have been arraigned in 83rd District Court for their alleged involvement in the March 30 larceny of Skip's Sports Shop.

Just before closing shop for the day, store clerk Brian Palmer was in the process of counting up the day's receipts, when a male customer entered the business on M-72. Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Coe said Palmer placed the money in a bag underneath a counter to wait on the customer. Without making a purchase, the customer, later identified as 33-year old James L. Wilson, left the store.

Shortly thereafter, Wilson re-entered the store with 39-year old Vicki Jo Blair and an unnamed female juvenile. Coe said while Palmer showed Blair some waders near the rear of the store, Wilson took over \$400 in cash from the bag Palmer placed under the counter.

During the investigation, Palmer was able to provide the Sheriff's Department with descriptions of all three suspects and their vehicle. Deputies discovered two of the suspects were wanted on outstanding warrants, including a revoked drivers license, and issued a statement to other law enforcement to "be on the look out" for the vehicle and suspects.

About two hours after the crime was committed the car and two of the suspects were spotted in the Glen's Market parking lot in Grayling. During the arrest, Wilson attempted to flee the scene, resulting in a scuffle and leaving one deputy with a minor finger injury.

Blair and Wilson were taken to the Crawford County Jail and booked on the outstanding warrants. The following day, warrants were

issued against the pair for larceny from a building. Wilson was also charged with resisting and obstructing an officer.

Both suspects were arraigned on April 4 and are awaiting pre-trial conferences on April 14 and preliminary examinations on April 18. Wilson remains lodged in the County Jail, while Blair was released on bond.

No word has come from the County Prosecutor's office regarding any charges pending against the juvenile who accompanied Blair and Wilson during the larceny.

Sheriff's deputies recovered \$344 of the cash taken.

## Two enter race for one school board seat

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School Board President Marilyn Rosi has decided to seek re-election in the June 12 School Election.

Joining Rosi on the ballot will be James W. Hatley II of Grayling. The two were the only candidates to meet filing requirements and the April 10, 4 p.m. deadline for entry into the one-seat race.

Also on the School Election ballot will be not one, but two high school improvement proposals. Grayling High School is in need of a new heating and ventilation system, as well as a new roof. School Board members will ask the taxpayers to approve financing of those maintenance items and consider additions and improvements to the school's gym, cafeteria and classrooms.

## Teen pleads guilty to lesser charge in overpass rock throwing incident

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Working closely with his attorney and the County Prosecutor John Huss, 16-year old Gary A. Partlow III plead guilty April 7 in 46th Circuit Trial Court to felonious assault (assault with a deadly weapon) for his involvement in a case of rock throwing from an I-75 overpass.

Partlow responded quietly as Judge Dennis F. Murphy asked for his pleas on two original counts of attempted murder. Partlow was charged as an adult due to the seriousness of the crime. The teenager plead not guilty to both original

counts in exchange for a guilty plea on a third count of felonious assault. The third count was added after successful plea bargaining between Huss and defense attorney James R. Deamud.

The judge asked Partlow to tell the story of his involvement in the September 18 incident when he and two juveniles threw rocks, approximately three inches in diameter, at cars traveling on I-75 under the Hartwick Pines Road overpass. Partlow told the court he was indeed guilty of throwing rocks at cars.

Two suits had been filed against Partlow, one for each vehicle involved in the incident. One vehi-

cle belonged to William and Betty Pyhtila and the other to Howard Hack. For his guilty plea on count three, all other charges have been dropped.

Judge Murphy and Deamud took their time explaining to Partlow that his guilty plea meant a sentence of 12 months in the county jail and four years probation. The original charges could have put Partlow behind state prison bars for at least four years.

Judge Murphy explained to Partlow that if, once released from county jail, he violates his probation the original charges will stand and he will go to prison.

## Victorian Afternoon revisits a gentler time



An afternoon of tea, hors d'oeuvres and chamber music in the parlor of the historic Hanson House raised approximately \$2,000 for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. About 100 people took tours and got a taste of life at the turn of the 19th century. Shown are (from left) R.J. Hannan - Director for CASD Community Education, Laurie Figley - Chairperson of the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, and Hanson House owners Jill and Dave Wyman.

Photo by Linda Golnick

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## Dispose of hazardous materials safely with Environmental Cleanup Day

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two environmental disposal programs were so successful in 1999, the county has designated an entire day in June to continue offering ways for residents to properly dispose of unwanted materials.

Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill has scheduled June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for county residents to take advantage of "Environmental Cleanup Day." Collection of hazardous waste and old tires will take place that day in the county building's parking lot.

"Combining the collection days will be more convenient for everyone," Merrill said. "One trip versus three will help a lot of people."

With the event more than two

months away, Merrill said he hopes this will give residents plenty of time to clean out their garages, barns, basements and under kitchen sinks, then properly dispose of old and unwanted hazardous materials.

The county has budgeted \$7,000 this year, out of the landfill impact fund, for the collection and proper disposal of approximately 9,000 lbs. of hazardous waste. Last year, about 5,680 lbs of hazardous waste was collected, avoiding the landfill and illegal dumping in the woods -- a source of groundwater contamination.

The cost of tire disposal will pay for itself with a \$2 per automobile tire disposal fee (this includes pickup truck tires). Tires may be turned in on or off the rim. About 500 tires

were collected last year.

Household hazardous waste is described as unwanted/unused oil based paints, aerosol cans, acids, automotive products, batteries, cleaners, heavy metals, pesticides, solvents, propane cylinders, asbestos, reactives, alkali metals, PCBs and "unknowns."

As an added bonus this year, well water testing will be offered free of charge to the first 250 county residents who bring in a sample of their household well water.

Merrill said those interested in the free testing should bring from home eight ounces of water taken from a cold water tap. The sample must be placed in a clean container, free of soap or detergent residue. It is recommended the sample be taken just

before leaving home for the test.

Testing will be performed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in cooperation with MSU-Extension and the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program.

Services offered are on a first-come, first-served basis for Environmental Cleanup Day. "We are on a budget," Merrill said. "So, depending on the response, people may have to be turned away. I highly suggest residents arrive early."

Anyone with questions about Environmental Cleanup Day or other services of the Crawford County Environmental Office can contact Merrill at (517) 344-3258, fax (517) 344-3265, by pager at (517) 253-1965, or by e-mail at: merrillp@kirtland.cc.mi.us.

## City Police begin spring clean-up survey

► With the snow gone, department looks to enforce city junk ordinances

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling Police Department started a survey of the city last week, checking area properties for visible "junk" and potentially unsafe buildings.

The effort is part of the department's yearly spring clean-up. After the snow melts, the police comb the area each year and take note of possible ordinance violations, then take steps to remedy the problems, Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said.

The two main ordinances the police look to enforce are the city's "junk ordinance" (#72-3) and "public annoyance" ordinance (#22).

The purpose of the city's junk

ordinance "is to limit and restrict the outdoor storage, parking or unreasonable accumulation of junk, unused, partially dismantled or non-operating motor vehicles," and other such visible nuisances, according to the ordinance.

Part of city ordinance #22 deals with unsafe buildings, which is the section of the ordinance police are most active in enforcing during the spring clean-up effort, Schreiner said.

Though there are enforceable penalties listed for violating either of the ordinances (up to a \$100 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail for each day of violation), Chief Schreiner said the department is more concerned about getting unsightly junk cleaned up than writing a bunch of tickets.

"Once our survey is complete, we will be sending out notices, letters indicating that they are in violation

and giving them a time period for cleaning it up, usually 10 days," Schreiner said.

"Obviously we want the public's cooperation as much as possible," said Schreiner. "We try to work with people. Some of these things take time (to clean up), and if we know they are doing something about it, we try to work with them."

Schreiner encourages anyone with a concern about a possible ordinance violation to contact the Grayling Police Department at 348-4621 or 348-4601. (After business hours, leave a message. The department will get back to you, Schreiner said.)

"We're just trying to make the town look nice," Schreiner said. "That's the purpose of the ordinances, to have the town look as nice as it could."

Though the Grayling Police Department's clean-up effort begins in the spring, it doesn't end there.

The police look at properties during the summer and fall seasons, continuing to check for possible ordinance violations. Once snow covers everything in the winter, it becomes difficult to enforce the ordinances, Schreiner noted.

## City announces yard waste, recycling pick up schedules

The City of Grayling has announced its schedule for yard waste and recycling pick-up this summer.

Pick-up dates for yard waste include: April 25; May 9 and 23; June 6 and 20; July 5 and 18; August 1, 15 and 29; September 12 and 26; October 10 and 24. (All yard waste pick-up days are Tuesdays, except for July 5 (Wednesday).)

Yard waste must be in paper bags or rigid, reusable containers and free of any trash. (Do not use plastic bags.) Brush should be tied in bundles no more than four feet long and weighing less than 50 pounds. Individual brush pieces should not be more than one inch in diameter.

Materials for recycling will be picked up once a month, on the fourth Thursday of every month.

For either yard waste or recycling pick-up, materials should be placed at curbside by 7 a.m. on the day of pick-up.

## Briney v. Road Commission heads to trial

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Commission is my client," McCarthy said the insurance pool would have to pay for the defense of Swiercz and Nelson if Briney were to sue and "no one would settle a case with that kind of loose ends."

Fitzgerald questioned why, then, would the defense write such a release for people it does not represent?

After lengthy arguments, Judge Murphy denied the finalization of the settlement because there is no written agreement signed by the

paying party.

The defense has withdrawn all offers and the court has scheduled the trial to begin July 17. Six days have been allowed for the trial.

"We are very disappointed in the court's ruling and the defendants withdrawal of offers," said Fitzgerald. "Jim was willing to make compromises to bring closure to this suit. We look forward to the July 17 trial date and will pursue all of our damages and remedies." Fitzgerald would not disclose the total amount Briney will seek.

## Get ready to say 'Good Bye' to the GHS Viking band

With this year's fundraising events over, the Viking band students are counting down the days in anticipation for the memorable trip to Washington D.C., according to the Viking Band Booster president, Margaret Knapp. "The final payment has been sent to Horizon Tour Company, and now we anxiously wait," she said.

"We have an overwhelming amount of support from our band parents. A total of 18 parents/guardians have signed up, and paid their trip cost to be chaperones for this GHS band field trip," states Knapp.

"The students are in for one of the greatest experiences of their lives, to see our nation's Capitol. The Washington DC field trip has so much to offer them, and it is all

free to see. Mr. Ormsbee, the Instrumental Music Director, and Mr. Gott, the Assistant Music Director, are working with the students on an *American Celebration*, as well as five other pieces of music. They will perform on Friday, April 28, at the Upper Senate Park across from the White House. Until then, the band will be taking time to tour many Washington sites," Knapp continues.

"The two tour buses pull out of the Grayling High School parking lot at 6 p.m., Wednesday night, April 26 and arrive back in Grayling at 6 p.m. Sunday night, the 30th.

"The trip is a 13-hour run, with many stops in between," Knapp states. "I hope each and every per-

son in this community that has helped our organization meet this goal is sharing in the pride of accomplishment," says Knapp.

"The Band Boosters have had businesses and individuals step forward with extra monetary support that has opened up opportunities for some band students that would not have been able to go otherwise. The kindness and generosity is something that 79 young Grayling citizens will never forget!"

Knapp invites everyone in the community to step out into the streets on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. on April 26 for a send-off of the Grayling High School Band. "Wave, honk your horn, hold up a sign, or cheer. The band would love to see the community out in force as they leave Grayling."

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# Young men reach highest rank of Eagle Scout

An end to a long journey. That's what scoutmasters say is the definition of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Brian Stewart and Matt Evon were honored and decorated with their Eagle Scout Medals in a ceremony on April 9.

Stewart is the son of Marc and Kathy Stewart of Gaylord, formerly of Grayling. The Stewarts moved to Gaylord in December 1998 and Brian has been home schooled. Brian began his journey March 20, 1994.

Evon is the son of Bill and Cindy Evon of Grayling. He is a senior at Grayling High School. Matt's journey began May 16, 1993.

The Eagle Scout award presentation began with an introduction by committee chairman and master of ceremonies Loren Goodale Jr., scoutmaster. An invocation by Rev. Jeff Jagers, presentation of colors and the pledge allegiance followed.

Goodale then invited all scouts, past and present, to stand and recite the Boy Scout oath, lead by Adam Malone.

A traditional candle lighting ceremony representing each point of scout law was conducted. Scouts promise to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

A time line of the new Eagle Scouts' accomplishments and milestones, culminating with their December 14, 1999 Board of Review acceptances, were shared with those in attendance. The "journey up the trail to eagle" was accentuated by another candle lighting ceremony.

Both Stewart and Evon spoke to the audience about what scouting means to them and how scouting has affected their lives. Then they recited their new oath, the Eagle Scout Promise, reaffirming their allegiance and promising to promote better scouting and citizenship in their troop, community and contacts with other people.

They were then awarded by their fathers Eagle Scout medals, and by Scott Landis with certificates from the national Boy Scout office.

During the ceremony, some interesting facts about scouting were



(Above) Marc Stewart (far left) pins the Eagle Scout Medal on son Brian as Bill Evon pins the same on his son, Matt during ceremonies April 9. Afterwards, both young men presented their mothers and fathers with their own Eagle Scout pin. (Right) Newly decorated Eagle Scouts Matt Evon and Brian Stewart pose for a photo with scout leader Loren Goodale Jr.



Photos by Linda Golnick

shared by Scoutmaster Dave Starks:

- Of any 100 boys who become scouts, 30 drop out within the first year, but all remember the program and speak highly of it.
- Of the 100 it is rare that even one appears in juvenile court.
- Six of the 100 will enter the ministry.
- Each scout will develop lifelong interests or hobbies as a direct result of their scouting experience.
- Two of the 100 will reach the rank of Eagle and at least one will value that rank higher than his college degree.
- At least one will credit scouting for his ability to save the life of another and one, his own.

## New chief judge council formed

The Michigan Supreme Court has announced a new Council of Chief Judges to serve as an invaluable advisor to the Court on administrative matters.

The council is an outgrowth of recommendations made by chief judges from across the state. The Court welcomes the council's role in bringing to the attention of the justices important management issues. The council also serves as a reality check on the Court's administrative actions.

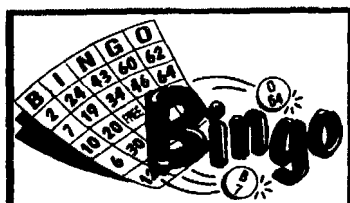
The council will support the Supreme court's mission to provide Michigan citizens with the fair,

impartial, efficient, and unbiased delivery of court services.

The council is comprised of 16 talented chief judges. *Trial court:* James Fisher, Barry County (demonstration project); Alton Davis, 46th Circuit (Otsego, Crawford, and Kalkaska demonstration project); *Circuit court:* Barry Howard, Oakland; Michael Sapala, Wayne; Robert Ransom, Genesee; *Probate court:* Susan Reck, Livingston; Susan Vandercook, Jackson; Joseph Schwedler, Iron; Fred Mulhauser, Emmet/Charlevoix; Faye Harrison, Saginaw; *District court:* Marilyn

Atkins, 36th District, Detroit; Brian Levy, Southfield; Steve Ford, Luce/Mackinac; Leo Bowman, Pontiac; Mike Nolan, Muskegon; *Court of Appeals:* Richard Bandstra, Grand Rapids.

Much has been accomplished by our chief judges and their colleagues on the bench since the Supreme Court assumed the responsibility for appointing the chief judges of our courts. But the work is unfinished. The council will serve as an expert guide as to what must yet be done and how it can be achieved.



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**Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

**Knights of Columbus**  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
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Thursday - 6:30 pm

**American Legion Hall**  
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Friday - 6:30 pm

**Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465**  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
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## Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt

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**Egg Hunt following Breakfast**



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### SCHEDULE FOR YARD WASTE & RECYCLING

#### YARD WASTE

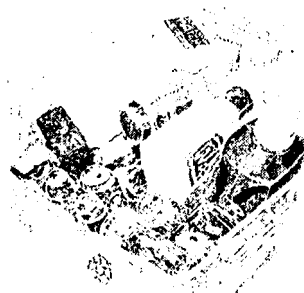
Tuesday, April 25  
Tuesday, May 09 & 23  
Tuesday, June 06 & 20  
Wednesday, July 05  
Tuesday, July 18  
Tuesday, Aug. 01, 15 & 29  
Tuesday, Sept. 12 & 26  
Tuesday, Oct. 10 & 24



Yard waste must be in paper bags or rigid containers and free of any trash (no plastic bags). Brush must be tied in bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length and weigh less than 50 pounds. Individual brush pieces must not exceed 1 inch in diameter.

#### RECYCLING

Recycling collection will be picked up once per month on the fourth Thursday of each month.



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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

# Let the child go home, por favor

It is about time.

According to reports in the press, sometime this week the United States will step back from its self-appointed role as world's best social worker and let Elian Gonzales go home.

Finally.

By now we all know young Elian. He is the Cuban child who has topped our news since the plan to secret him into our country went terribly awry. The boat on which he, his mother and others were making their illegal journey capsized. All on board died -- including Elian's mother and stepfather, who had headed the illicit flight -- except by the grace of God five-year-old Elian.

Since his rescue at sea and subse-

quent recovery, he has found refuge with relatives in the Miami area. Here the term refuge is used loosely.

Since then he has been the unwitting political shuttlecock in a modern day cold war game between the powers in the U.S. and Cuba.

And for some unknown reason, we have held him here, claiming the little boy as U.S. property for more than half a year.

Put the shoe on the other foot. Actions like this by any other country on an American child would be called kidnapping at best. Troops would have been disbursed months ago.

For what reasons do the powers that be in this country believe we have any rights to say what happens

to this boy?

Sure, he is a cute, innocent kid. He survived a tragedy. By all rights, he should have drowned at sea with those who were smuggling him across the Gulf of Mexico.

He lost his mother. To this day, reports have it that he does not know she has died.

But again, does that give us the right to keep him?

He is not a U.S. citizen. In fact, he is an illegal alien. He entered this country without the approval of his country or our country.

Elian is Cuban. Born there and raised there. Cuba is his home.

Were it not for the uncontrollable forces of the adults around him, he would still be at home -- in Cuba.

He is here by accident. Not by his

own doing. Not brought here by the people who now control him or those that seek to protect him, but by those who are no longer in this world.

Their intentions will never be known. We can only assume that they dreamed of what America offered. The search for a better life probably pushed them to take their fatal journey, but to believe that is only wishful romanticizing on our part. We don't know why they did what they did.

And the political twisters here now paint their sea flight as a desperate attempt to escape Cuba and all the evil it stand for.

But was it? All we know for sure is their actions left this little boy alone in a strange country.

He currently resides in Florida with his only relatives here, albeit distant relatives who are reported to have only seen the boy one time before, on a visit back to their native Cuba three years ago.

This child needs his family. And that family is his father. Back in Cuba until this week, Elian's father wants his son back.

Why do we stand in his way?

Remember, this is not a custody case. Elian's parental ties were never questioned. His mother is dead. His father is alive in his home country.

It is also not a case for the American justice system. We have no business standing between a father and a son, tying up their "case" in our legal system -- no mat-

ter what country they call home. It was an accident that this innocent little boy washed up on our beaches. That does not give us the right to control the rest of his life.

Let the little boy go home. Show the world that we in America believe in the bond between a son and his father.

No matter what country they call home.

**Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling Marshall and Three Rivers.**

# EDITOR

## Gun shows are not illegal arms bazaars

To the editor,

As we approach the anniversary of the tragic Columbine school shooting, President Clinton is taking advantage of the event to pressure Congress into passing new gun control legislation. High up on his wish list is his scheme to require background checks on all private firearm sales taking place at gun shows.

The President has repeatedly made claims that gun shows are "illegal arms bazaars" where unlawful activities, such as dealing firearms without a proper license, take place -- somehow beyond the reach of law enforcement.

Of course, anyone who actually looks into these claims can only conclude that they are hogwash.

since existing laws against commercially dealing in firearms without a Federal Firearms License are valid and enforceable everywhere in the United States.

And, ironically, whatever minor problems there are with gun shows are of President Clinton's own making. A visit to any gun show will turn up a number of people buying, selling, and trading guns who are not commercial dealers. These people are gun collectors who are interested in improving their own collections, not in making profits.

Once upon a time, it used to be customary for the more active collectors to voluntarily apply for and receive Federal Firearms Licenses, which made them subject to all the

regulations and record-keeping requirements that commercial dealers must comply with. The advantage to the hobbyist was that he could then add to his collection by ordering from interstate sources.

However, early in President Clinton's first term of office the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms decided (under Clinton's direction) that there were too many regulated gun dealers. So, by raising the license fees, piling on more and more intrusive requirements, and by being openly hostile towards new applicants, the BATF succeeded in eliminating tens of thousands of FFL holders. They justified their actions at that time by complaining that these people were not "real"

dealers.

But zip up to about 1999 and all of a sudden these same people are dealers. So-called "Unlicensed dealers." President Clinton wants to have his cake and eat it too.

If our goal is to get more gun sales to fall within the regulated system, the solution is not to forcibly and unconstitutionally extend the regulatory power of the federal government over private sales, but rather to entice those over-active hobbyists to once again voluntarily apply for FFL's for their own benefit. We can do that by making the licensing requirements less burdensome.

John W. Loosemore  
Chair, U.P. Libertarian Party  
Pelkie, MI

## Help stop the removal of God from the airwaves

To the editor,

We cannot afford to sit back and be passive on this. It is really scary and once you read this you'll realize that CBS could be forced to discontinue "Touched by an Angel" because they use the name God in every program.

Madeline Murray O'Hair, an atheist, successfully eliminated the use of Bible reading and prayer in schools 15 years ago.

Her organization has now been granted a federal hearing on the same subject by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Their petition would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the gospel of Jesus Christ on the airwaves of America.

They took this position with 287,000 signatures to back their stand. If this attempt is successful, all Sunday worship service broadcasts on radio and television will stop.

This group is also campaigning to remove all Christmas programs, Christmas songs and Christmas carols from public schools. You can help stop this one. A million letters are needed addressed to: Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

We can defeat their effort by showing that there are a huge number of very concerned citizens in this country. You might include the fact that our forefathers founded this

country under the premise of a strong belief and faith in God and his principles and that our faith in God plays a big role in the freedoms we Americans now enjoy.

And don't forget to say that you protest any effort to remove from radio or TV any programs designed to nurture faith in God or any effort to remove Christmas programs, carols or songs from the public airways.

If you are a couple, send two separate letters, in separate envelopes. The number of letters received will have a strong impact.

On the outside of the envelope and in your letter write "In reference to Petition 2493," which is the number assigned the O'Hair organiza-

tion's effort.

The very first thing in Article I of the Bill of Rights in the Federal Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ..." Therefore any attempt by the Congress, or any commission established by Congress to restrict the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are not legal.

Please do not take this lightly. We did once and lost pray in schools along with reading Bible verses and living by the Ten Commandments. We cannot let this attempt succeed.

Art Thayer  
Grayling

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## Products designed for your pets are dangerous

To the editor,

People should know that softwood shavings, particularly cedar and pine, have been linked to liver, respiratory, skin and immune functioning diseases in animals constantly exposed to them. Veterinarians usually recommend beddings made from reclaimed wood pulp waste, pressed paper pellets, alfalfa, grain byproducts, aspen, unprinted newspaper or newspaper printed with soy ink. For more information on animal bedding, [www.aracnet.com/~seagull/faq/beddingfaq.shtml](http://www.aracnet.com/~seagull/faq/beddingfaq.shtml).

Prior to learning about the hazards of softwood shavings, I used pine beddings with a succession of hamsters. They enjoyed climbing, treadmills and wholesome food in well-ventilated, spacious cages. Nevertheless, they all died far short of normal life span. Today, my pet mice are doing well with a non-toxic bedding, with soft tissue paper added.

Manufacturers of softwood beddings argue that these repel parasites better than other beddings. Indeed, I helped one of my mice who had mites by placing him in a bowl filled with red cedar shavings for two hours daily for three successive days. But using cedar as a regular bedding would probably kill the mouse as well as the mites. Topical sprays or ointments containing pyrethrins also eliminate mites, fleas and ticks.

Those caring for dogs may know that earlier this year, Sergeant's Pet Products recalled certain batches of its rawhide dog chews, as a precaution against salmonella contamination. Actually, it is best to always avoid giving dogs rawhide. Most veterinarians I spoke with say that rawhide ingestion puts dogs at risk for bacterial infections, digestive disturbances (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), and blockage of the intestines - which can be fatal. Some

dogs have choked to death on rawhide.

Although chewing rawhide may enhance dog's dental health, veterinarians recommend using chew toys and "bones" made from hard rubber or nylon, feeding dogs hard, dry, sugar-free food and regularly rubbing your dog's teeth and gums with cloth or gauze as safer means of preventing canine dental problems. It also helps to regularly brush your dog's teeth with a soft toothbrush and a little baking soda.

Athena, my black Labrador retriever, used to get a rawhide treat every night. Approximately twice a month, she had vomiting spells. Since discontinuing rawhide a year ago, the vomiting has stopped.

Hopefully, this information will benefit companion animals and their care providers in your locality.

Joel Freedman, Chairman Public Education Committee of Animal Advocates of Upstate New York

While Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt says it's your "civic duty" to complete the 2000 census form, not everybody thinks so. Noting the real purpose of most of the long form's queries, Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach made headlines recently when he stated, "Census information is used to forge the chains that bind Americans to failed government programs, meddlesome bureaucracies, and sky-high tax rates."

As government's share of our income rises, the census gets longer and more intrusive. In case you thought this was a coincidence, think again: A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you have. To do all that for you and to you, it has to ask lots and lots of questions.

By its own admission, the government misses millions of people in its count. Yet, it wants to dole out money based on such details as how many bathrooms we have.

Lawrence W. Reed  
President  
Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Midland



# BRIEFS

## Viking Band Boosters to meet next week

The Viking Band Boosters will hold a membership meeting April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All band members' parents are invited to attend.

## Animal Shelter benefit dinner planned

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the Animal Shelter Project Fund will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Grayling Restaurant on Thursday, April 20. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at Grayling Restaurant, Spikes Keg O'Nails, Grayling Township, Milltown Groomer, Grayling Hospital for Animals and from any member of the shelter's board of directors. All proceeds will be used toward the \$250,000 cost of building a new shelter.

## Jazz concert to benefit missionary

A jazz trombone concert will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., to help financially support Timothy William Febey in his two month Christian mission to Fortaleza, Brazil. Performing will be Tim "Juan Tizol" Febey on the trombone, Dave "Charlie Christian" Matthews on guitar, and Darren "Sonny Greer" Matthews on drums. Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of Ellington jazz and spirituals. The concert is free, however donations toward Febey's missionary work would be greatly appreciated.

## Farm Park schedules pruning seminar

Wellington Farm Park, near Grayling and Higgins Lake, has scheduled a free fruit tree pruning seminar on Saturday, April 15, conducted by Jim Nugent of the Michigan State Horticultural Research Center. Lectures and pruning demonstrations will begin at 9 a.m. at the park on South Military Road. For more information about this year's tree pruning program or, to offer suggestions for future demonstrations call toll free to 1-888-OLD FARM or visit the park's website at [www.wellingtonfarmpark.org](http://www.wellingtonfarmpark.org).

## KLT presents rock music showcase

Double Rock KLT radio will present Northern Michigan Rocks Music Showcase - The Finals! on Friday, April 14 at 8 p.m. in the Leelanau Sands Showroom. The concert is free, but you must be 21 years old and provide ID to enter. The showcase features northern Michigan artists Short White Johnson, Amanda Waggener and Blu Frog who will battle it out for a Grand Prize that includes free studio time and production of their own CD. While at the concert, patrons may register to win a guitar autographed by the Rolling Stones. The first 100 people through the door get a free commemorative T-shirt. For more information, call Triston Kirt at (231) 947-0003.

## Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, call (517) 821-5721.

## Kirtland Arts presents 'Lazer Vaudeville'

"Lazer Vaudeville" will be presented in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. Attendees are asked to allow themselves 15 minutes to be seated before the show begins. The first 15 minutes of the show are performed with black lights, therefore latecomers will not be admitted during this portion of the show. Tickets for this family-oriented, audience participation show are \$14 to \$18 for adults and half price for students, with a special family-of-five pricing of \$32.50 in Section B or \$30 in Section C. Ticket reservations may be made by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

## Film features Charms of the South

On Thursday evening, April 13, the Travel and Adventure Series will present its fifth program of the Travel and Adventure Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. *Charms of the South* will be presented by host Phil Slayton who will take the audience of a tour from Washington, D.C. to New Orleans. Tickets for *Charms of the South* are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens and are available at the Community Education Box Office at Grayling High School or by calling 348-7641, ext 120.

## Church to hold Passion Week services

Grayling Baptist Church will be holding Passion Week services, April 16-21, in their new building at 705 Madsen Street in Grayling. Services will be Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening will be a family service in homes; Thursday night a Messianic Seder Dinner will be served beginning at 7 p.m.; reservations are required. Good Friday services will begin at 7 p.m.

## Eagles, Auxiliary to nominate officers

The Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 will conduct nomination of officers for the coming year at their Monday, April 17 meeting. Elections will be held Monday, May 1 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Also, the Ladies' Auxiliary will conduct nomination of officers at their Thursday, April 20 meeting. Elections will be held Thursday, May 4 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Neighborhood Watch group forming

Neighborhood Watch is a program that will allow the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and residents of Grayling Township to work hand-in-hand toward a common goal - to make Grayling Township a safer place in which to live and do business. Any resident of Grayling Township interested in volunteering in a Neighborhood Watch program should contact Officer Paul Smith at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at (517) 348-4616, voice mail ext. 336 or leave a message at the Grayling Township Hall, 348-4361.

## Scouts to pick up food drive bags

On Saturday, April 8, Boy Scout Troop 979 and Cub Scout Pack 3993 handed out 1,000 "Scouting for Food" bags in the city of Grayling and some area subdivisions. The scouts would like to remind everyone to fill their bags up and place them back on their porches next Saturday morning, April 15. Anyone who didn't receive a bag and would like to donate to the

## Second chess tourney planned at Kirtland Student Center

Based on the interest and successes of its first effort in early March, Kirtland Community College's Student Senate will sponsor a second public Chess Tournament on Saturday, April 29 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center on the college campus.

The tournament is open to all ages and groups... KCC students, employees, area high school, middle school and grade school students and area residents, including seniors.

There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded in various categories.

"We're trying to encourage an interest in chess," says Student Senate Advisor and Kirtland

Bookstore Manager Mark Allen, "and we were very pleased with the response to our first tournament. This is a great opportunity for us to get folks together and to participate in a fun and challenging event."

Allen said participants will compete in various class or age categories. He said the Senate would like to develop chess play and competition on a regular basis, perhaps provide chess lessons, and even develop a Kirtland Chess Team.

Registration for the Tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m.

Persons who would like to pre-register or who would like additional information may contact Allen at (517) 275-5000, ext. 342.

## Become a 'Love and Logic Parent'

Dates for the parenting program, "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," have been set. This program is designed for parents who would like to learn some new techniques to build upon the skills they already possess.

The four-week series is offered in Crawford County at the Head Start Center beginning April 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(Due to the late receipt of this information, this article did not meet the deadline for the April 6 edition of the *Avalanche*.)

The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council (CRCPC), and the Crawford Head Start program are sponsoring this workshop.

This program is also scheduled to begin in Roscommon County at

Markey Baptist Church, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., beginning May 4.

Childcare and refreshments are available free of charge. Transportation is available if needed.

To register for the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" workshop, call (517) 366-6916, leave a message with a contact phone number so your registration may be confirmed.

Also, leave a message noting if childcare or transportation is needed.

Registration is limited.

Questions may also be directed to Michelle MacArthur, CRCPC Director, at the number listed above or by e-mail at: [CRCPC@hotmail.com](mailto:CRCPC@hotmail.com).

## Hospice to host volunteer training

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice will be holding a hospice volunteer training April 19-20. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Training will be held in the Grayling Mercy Amicare office at 125 Michigan Avenue.

Subjects covered will include communications and coping skills, family dynamics and body mechanics. Volunteer activities include but

are not limited to respite, companionship and support, transportation, clerical and office assistance.

Mercy Amicare Hospice covers services for Crawford, Roscommon, and parts of Ogemaw, Otsego, Oscoda and Kalkaska counties.

For more information or to sign up for the training, please call Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator at 1-800-424-1457 or (517) 348-4383.

## Rosco Posse to host Donkey Basketball

The Roscommon County Sheriff Posse will host a Celebrity Donkey Basketball Game at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at Houghton Lake High School to help raise money for various services.

The proceeds from the game are earmarked to help pay for the county's K-Nine Unit, D.A.R.E. and the Roscommon Township Dive/Water Rescue Project. The Posse will also benefit by being able to obtain badly needed radio and "search and rescue" equipment.



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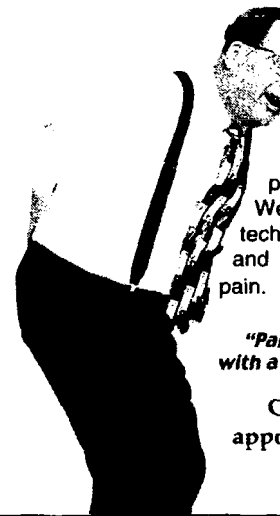
What is love, really? Is it romance...or being with people you like? Is it giving and receiving nice things? Is it about hard work, or sacrifice, or putting the needs of others first? Well, love can be about all those things. But there is one perfect love, God's love...and it can strengthen all others. We're your neighbors, the people of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. And we want you to know that, with Jesus Christ, love really can be all it was meant to be.



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# The Bible Speaks

## Antichrist Is Near

The London Times says Cardinal Biffi, the leading contender to succeed John Paul II as pope, claims that the Anti-Christ is a man who lives on the earth today. The Times reported, "Cardinal Giacomo Biffi, Archbishop of Bologna, said the Anti-Christ will fool many people because he will be viewed as a humanitarian with a 'fascinating personality' who espouses vegetarianism, pacifism, human rights, and environmentalism." The Times reported, "Biffi said the Anti-Christ would espouse a world-religion and ecumenism, replacing traditional religion with New Age spirituality. Cardinal Biffi's remarks are viewed as important because they often reflect the thinking of John Paul II."

Evangelical Pat Robertson wrote a book in 1992 entitled, "The New World Order" in which he described a global (if elusive) conspiracy involving the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, other policy elites, secret societies and New Agers. He believes the push for more power within the United Nations is but one aspect of that spirit of antichrist pushing for global control.

While obviously I am not of the same religious persuasion as either of the above men, I quote them because the danger of a coming one world religion, government, economy, and culture is clearly seen by many from different perspectives. The Religious Right for opposing sodomy and

abortion is under attack for intolerance and bigotry. As Bill Barnwell recently wrote, "However, it's not the Religious Right that is a threat to American culture, it is the Religious Left. The Religious Left's religion is secular humanism. Their secular humanist god like all gods is a jealous and intolerant god. While the Religious Left trumpets virtues like tolerance, they are fanatically intolerant. The Religious Left is responsible for the denigration of American culture and all the rot and ruin that comes with it."

In Montreal, the vicar at Montreal's Mary Queen of the World Cathedral described demonstrators who recently vandalized the church and littered it with condoms and sanitary napkins as "anti-Christians" trying to silence the Roman Catholic Church's views on abortion. Father Jean-Pierre Couturier said the demonstrators had "profaned God" and disturbed people who were worshipping by rushing into the cathedral on Tuesday afternoon, spray-painting slogans on an altar, turning over flowerpots, sticking sanitary napkins -- some soiled -- to pictures and walls and throwing condoms around the cathedral's sanctuary. Sister Rejeanne Poulin, who witnessed the vandalism, said: "They came in yelling things against religion. They said they were claiming the right to abortions and freedom of speech." The words "Neither God Nor Master" were spray-painted in

foot-high letters at the altar, on the frame of a 19th-century painting. Another slogan, "Religion, A Trap For Fools", was painted on a pillar in front of the cathedral.

The apostle John wrote in 1 John 2:18: "Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." (1 John 2:22) "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." Today, few people will deny that the spirit of antichrist is increasing. I do not believe anyone can know if the Antichrist is alive today, nevertheless, I believe the Antichrist is coming soon!

"Pastor 'B'" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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## Honor parents who served in Naval services

With Mother's Day and Father's Day right around the corner, the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington D.C. is encouraging sons and daughters to honor their parents who served in the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines or Merchant Marine by enrolling them in the Navy Log in Washington, D.C.

The Log has thus far collected names and service information of 245,000 present and former naval personnel. Most of the names are of living persons self-enrolled or by gift tributes from friends or families, but a large number are of deceased veterans enrolled in the Log by their descendants or by surviving shipmates.

All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for viewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to

the Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the Memorial's Internet web site, [www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org).

Each Log entry contains the entrant's name, date and place of birth, dates and branch of naval service, highest rate or rank attained, up to five top medals and awards and five duty stations. Log enrollments help support the Memorial's values-based educational programs, which honor, preserve and celebrate America's enduring naval heritage.

Sons and daughters desiring to enroll their mother or father should send his or her name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, highest rate or rank, up to five

awards received and five duty stations served accompanied by a \$25 tax deductible enrollment donation to Navy Log, Dept. Y2000, P.O. Box 96570, Washington, D.C. 20077-7685

A head and shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional \$25 (photos cannot be returned). Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans. Sponsored enrollments are also sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans.

The Navy Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization that receives no government support for building and operating the Navy Memorial or the Naval Heritage Center next to the Memorial.

## HONORS

### Ferris State University

Grayling resident Michael S. Dunkel received a Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement of a Cumulative Honor Point Average of 3.5 or above from Ferris State University on March 19, Concordia College

Concordia College in Ann Arbor announced that Michael Boerger has met the qualifications required and has received an offer of admission for the Fall of 2000. He is the son of Rev. Paul and Barbara Boerger of Grayling. Boerger will graduate from Grayling High School in Spring of 2000.

## Church Directory

### Water in the Wilderness

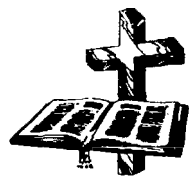


**Sunday Hebrews**  
4:14-5:10  
**Monday Hebrews**  
5:11-6:12  
**Tuesday Hebrews**  
6:13-7:9  
**Wednesday John**  
11:1-27  
**Thursday John**  
11:28-44  
**Friday John**  
11:45-57  
**Saturday John**  
12:1-11

You're probably thinking, "Nothing very interesting about a fire hydrant." Generally you're correct...just a canine convenience or a motorist's inconvenience if a parking space is the objective. However...

This little edifice would be most important when flames tear through a home or a factory or a hospital, threatening lives and property...as happens each day in our world. Perhaps it deserves our consideration.

In Isaiah 43:20 our Lord promises, "I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." When your spirit is parched by the flames of fear and frustration, God will save you from ruin. Visit your local House of Worship each week. God is always there. May we give Him the consideration He so richly deserves.



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# No more standing in line for an address change

► Secretary of State now taking address changes through the mail

As of Monday, April 3, Michigan motorists no longer need to visit a Secretary of State branch office to change their address on their driver license or personal identification (ID) card.

A new procedure, designed to improve customer service, is the result of Public Act 118 that took effect on Saturday, April 1.

"One of the most common complaints we receive is that customers have had to make a personal visit to branch offices to change the address on their driver license," Secretary Miller explained. "Last year we processed 700,000 change of address transactions and in a mobile society like ours, when people are constantly moving, it was important that we make the process

easier.

"Changing the law eliminates the necessity for face-to-face contact and we hope that the majority of these 700,000 transactions can now be done by mail," Secretary Miller added.

The new Secretary of State Change of Address Form can be:

- mailed to the Secretary of State's Office;

- Deposited in Secretary of State branch office drop boxes that will be available statewide by the end of April.

Additionally, driver license or ID card change of address can be made using a Voter Registration Application that is delivered to a local election official.

Motorists can obtain the Secretary of State Change of Address Form in the following ways:

- Print the form from the Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.state.mi.us](http://www.sos.state.mi.us); or
- Have the form faxed through

the Secretary of State Fax-on-Demand Service, (517) 335-4FAX.

Voter Registration Applications, which are only available to U.S. citizens, can also be printed from the Secretary of State's web site. They are also available at county, city, township and village clerk's offices, where they must be returned in person or by mail.

If a driver license or ID card holder submits a change of address to the Secretary of State, the address change will be made on the person's voter registration record.

Similarly, if a voter who is license to drive submits a voter registration change of address to their local clerk, the address change will be made on their driver license as well.

Regardless of whether the change of address originates at the Secretary of State's Office or with a local election official, the person will receive a new voter ID card from their clerk and a change of address sticker from the Secretary

of State.

While state law requires the same address for voter registration, driver license and ID cards, people who do not receive mail at their residential address or who frequently move and wish to have their mail delivered to an alternative address, will be allowed to provide the clerk or Secretary of State with a separate "mailing address."

The change of address process can be initiated as many times as necessary. There are no fees for requesting a change of address.

"More than 20 years ago, Michigan was the first in the nation to offer citizens the convenience of registering to vote when applying for a driver license," Secretary Miller concluded. "Once again, we are first in the nation to offer citizens the convenience of changing their driver license or ID card address by submitting a Voter Registration Application to any of the 1,700 local election officials around the state."

## U.S. Navy's Great Lakes Cruise is under way

The United States Navy's Great Lakes Cruise is officially underway.

On March 16, USS Sentry (MCM 3) and USS Kingfisher (MHC 56) left their homeport of Ingleside, Texas enroute to the Great Lakes.

The U.S. Navy ships will kick off the Michigan leg of the cruise with seven port visits from May 19 to June 26. The purpose of this cruise is to bolster recruiting efforts by showcasing the state-of-the-art technology these mine warfare ships use and to promote Navy awareness within the Midwest.

This cruise will serve to bring a glimpse of the Navy's proud her-

itage and history to people in Michigan. Port visits will include tours of the ships and static displays of sophisticated mine neutralization equipment.

Port visits for USS Sentry (MCM 3) will include Bay City (May 19-22) and Sault Ste. Marie (May 23-24). USS Sentry is the third of 14 Avenger-class

Mine Countermeasures Ship (MCM). The MCM class of ships have a crew of 76 enlisted and eight officers onboard and are a fully deployable, oceangoing ship.

The USS Kingfisher (MHC 56) will include port visits in Port Huron

(May 25-27); Mackinaw City (May 28-30); Muskegon (June 1-5); Traverse City (June 19-22); and Detroit (June 24-26). USS Kingfisher is the sixth of 12 Osprey-class Coastal Mine Hunter (MHC) ships.

The MHC class of ships has a crew of 46 enlisted and five officers onboard and has a 15-day endurance at sea, relying on support from other ships or shore based facilities for resupply.

Both types of mine warfare ships are designed as mine hunter-killers capable of finding, classifying and destroying moored and bottom

mines. These ships use sonar and video systems, cable cutters and a mine-detonating device that can be released and detonated by remote control. They are also capable of conventional sweeping measures. The ships are of fiberglass sheathed, wooden hull construction.

To view pictures of the ships or find more information about mine warfare, log on the Internet at [www.cnsl.spear.navy.mil/cmw/cimgery.htm](http://www.cnsl.spear.navy.mil/cmw/cimgery.htm).

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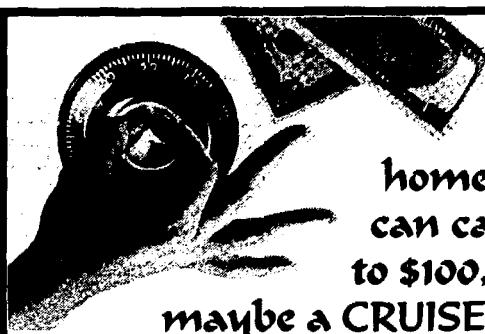
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Photo courtesy of Scheer Motors

**BLAST FROM THE PAST?** -Scheer Motors salesman Scott Longendyke (right) delivered the Grayling dealership's first 2001 Chrysler P/T Cruiser to Doug Hodges of Roscommon. The Cruiser is a brand new retro-style wagon sure to turn some heads here in northern Michigan and beyond. "It's not only the appearance of the vehicle that makes it so attractive," Longendyke said, "but the fact that it is so versatile and inexpensive."

## Households may qualify for help with local telephone bill

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) urges qualifying low-income residents to apply for the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program. Those who qualify could receive a discount in local telephone service costs of nearly \$100 a year, including an \$8.25 decrease in monthly

local telephone bills, and/or up to a \$30 reduction on local telephone installation service charges. Maximum household income levels for eligibility in the program range from \$12,525 annual income or \$1,044 monthly income for a single member household to \$42,975 annual income or \$3,581 monthly

income for a family of eight. Additional allowances are made for those households with more than eight members. Family Independence Agency clients may also qualify. The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program attempts to make telephone service more

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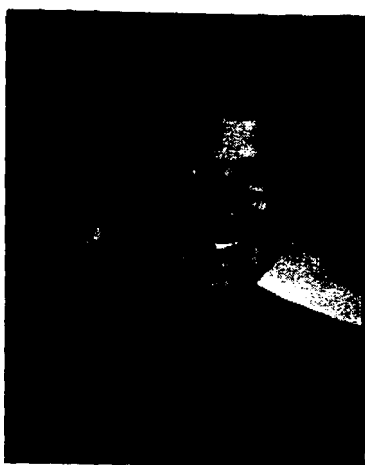
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Dr. Angus Goetz

A study has recently been commissioned by Endotech, a prosthesis

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Angus G. Goetz, DO of Grayling has been named as one of the ten physicians who will be participating in this study.

Dr. Goetz will perform the ankle replacement surgeries at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

The Federal Drug Authority (FDA) will be monitoring this clinical study. In the past, success rates for this procedure have been less than other joint replacement procedures. It is suggested that past poor performance was associated with

previous design of the prosthesis, among several factors.

"Movement in the ankle must be multifaceted as it is the nature of this joint, thus, the prosthesis must accommodate this movement," states Dr. Goetz. "I am hopeful that Endotech's prosthesis will demonstrate a better design in prosthesis which will result in improved quality of life for those undergoing ankle replacement."

Dr. Goetz is currently treating his second patient of the study and has received contacts from patients within Michigan as well as out of state.

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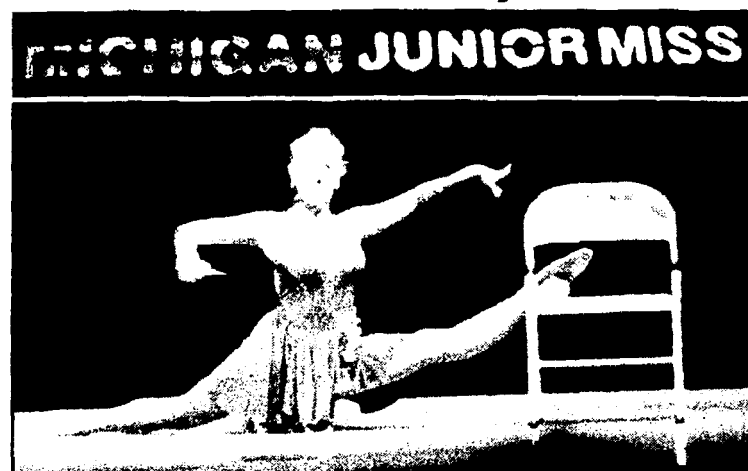


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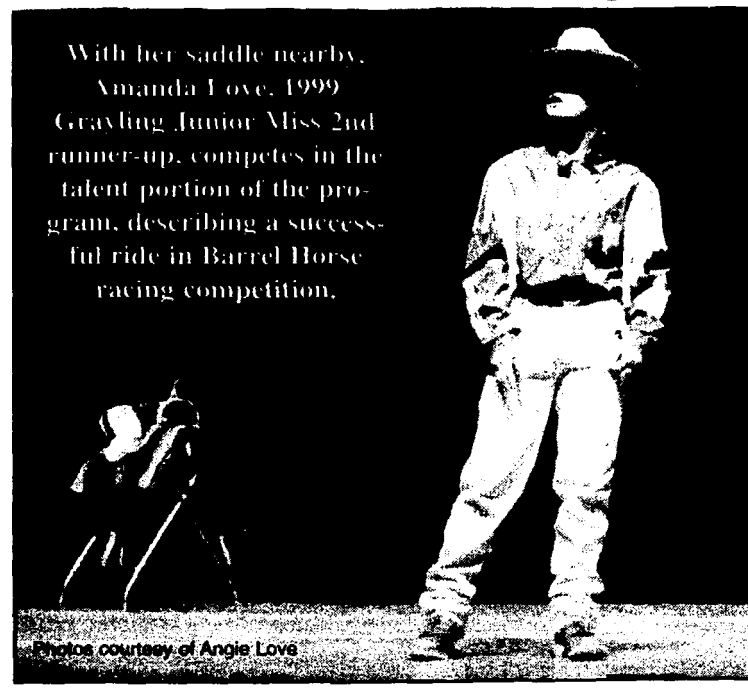
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# GHS Senior compete at state Junior Miss in Alpena



Showing her agility and talent in dance, 1999 Grayling Junior Miss Brandi McClain (above) competes in the talent portion of state competition in Alpena late last month. Although neither Grayling representative captured the state title, both young ladies enjoyed a week of Junior Miss activities.



With her saddle nearby, Amanda Love, 1999 Grayling Junior Miss 2nd runner-up, competes in the talent portion of the program, describing a successful ride in Barrel Horse racing competition.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Special thought for your week ahead: Friends are like pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up and sometimes they lean on you.

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

**April 12** - Nova & Co. at 12:30 p.m.; birthday dinner at 5 p.m.; COA White Elephant auction at 5:30 p.m.

**April 13** - Blood pressure and sugars, 11 a.m. - noon; personal meeting at 4 p.m.; cardo at 5:30 p.m.

**April 14** - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

**April 16** - Pancake Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**April 17** - Line dancing at 10 a.m.; Stag guys at noon; Bridge club at 1 p.m.; RSVP ladies at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

**April 18** - Finance meeting at 11 a.m.; Euchre club at 1 p.m.; Easter Dinner and Dance with Tina at 5 p.m. (please call for reservations)

**April 19** - Hearing clinic by appointment; line dancing at 10 a.m.; stag guys at 12:30 p.m.; Nova & co at 1:30 p.m.; COA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday; a noon meal is served on Friday.

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Volunteer of the Year for the Crawford County Libraries is Katherine Gregg of the Lovells Township Library.

Gregg started as a volunteer in the 70's at the Lovells Township Library taking over chairmanship from Phyllis Walker in 1985.

During Gregg's term as Librarian at the Lovells Township Library, she helped expand the library from the original 12 x 13 storage room into 16 x 32 library with two rooms. She also brought a typewriter to the library which allowed her to type cards, pockets and labels for the books, borrower cards and card catalog cards. She organized the non-fiction collection using the Dewey Decimal System.

When a computer replaced the typewriter she set up and maintained databases on the collection, inventory and statistics. All of the improvements and advancements made at the Lovells Township Library were made possible with the help of the many dedicated and responsible volunteers and donors.

Gregg has volunteered her time in libraries in Crawford County for over 20 years. She volunteered at the Frederic Elementary School Library, Grayling Elementary School Library and Shawono Center Library besides the Lovells Township Library, helping to process books, organized collections, type cards, labels, pockets and file. She also served on the Crawford County Library Board from 1984 to 1996 serving as an information conduit for the two libraries.


- The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone: 348-9214. Web site: [www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/](http://www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/)
- The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.
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For further information, call (517) 344-6107 or (517) 344-6152/56.

## Card of Thanks

We, the family of Bea Tinker, would like to say thank you to some really special people of Grayling: The Northflight crew that brought mom home; thanks for the gentle care; Dr. Douglas Slater, for helping as much as you did and listening to her wishes; to the girls in Amicare-Hospice, starting from the first day to last day at home - all of you were wonderful angels; to the many people who either called, stopped in, had hugs, cards, food, and much love, thank you all. She will be missed by all.

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## Legislative package to combat telemarketing fraud

In February eleven State Senators - Republicans and Democrats, alike - teamed up to crack down on criminal telemarketers.

In March, it became a bicameral effort when a 13 member bipartisan coalition in the House committed themselves to defending Michigan consumers against telephone scam artists who nationally defraud consumers of some \$40 billion every year. The 14-bill legislative package introduced in the House was identical to the legislation introduced in the Senate.

Collectively, the bills now introduced in the House and Senate would provide consumers with effective tools to protect themselves from fast-talking telemarketers by:

Eleven State Senators - Republicans and Democrats, alike - have teamed up to crack down on criminal callers.

- establish a statewide "no call" list within the Michigan Public Service Commission;

- require all solicitors to provide information on how the consumer can remove their name from further solicitation calls;

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## All weight restrictions removed

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## Program gives tips for handling everyday stress

Stress at home, work and in family life will be discussed at a program entitled "Living with Stress" which will be presented at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital.

The program will be held Tuesday, April 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Health Education Center is an outreach of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

Recognizing detrimental behavioral responses and tips for finding balance in day-to-day life will be discussed along with ways to replace negative behaviors with positive habits.

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"no call" list before making calls in Michigan.

- require that all solicitors, within the first two minutes of the call, clearly identify themselves, the organization for which they are soliciting, the purpose of their call, all costs associated with the sales offering or the percentage of a donation that will actually reach the charitable organization, and a consumer's ability to cancel a sales order within 72 hours of entering into an agreement;

- prohibit solicitors from using electronic blocking to prevent recognition by caller ID units; and

- require all telephone solicitors to obtain a license and post a bond in order to conduct business in Michigan.

"Fraudulent telemarketing is a multi-billion dollar criminal enter-

prise that threatens the dignity and economic security of older people throughout Michigan," said Senator Michael Goshka. "The effort we're announcing today will create a front line of defense against some of the most deceptive practices employed by criminal callers."

Michigan AARP Capitol City Task Force Chairperson Mary Aikey applauded introduction of the Senate bills. "AARP has long championed the introduction and passage of legislation that requires the registration, licensure and bonding of all telemarketers operating in Michigan. Many states - including neighboring Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin - already have such laws on the books."

"Law enforcement's efforts to police questionable practices in the

telemarketing industry are too often frustrated by an inability to acquire information about the identity and location of the businesses employing phone solicitors," she said. "Mandatory registration and licensure addresses this issue head-on. Further, requiring telemarketing businesses to obtain surety bonds in order to do business in the State will guarantee that there will be a minimum amount of money available to compensate consumers if they are injured by the telemarketers' practices."

"Fraudulent telemarketers use the phone every day to steal the life savings of unsuspecting people. Through education and legislation, we can help beat the criminal caller. That's a mission to which AARP is absolutely committed," Aikey concluded.

## Public opinion sought on deer management

People interested in how Michigan's deer herd should be managed can voice their opinion at eight regional meetings to be held around the state.

Locally, a meeting will be held on April 27 at the Treetops Sylvan Resort and Convention Center, 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord. Call (517) 731-0272 for a map.

The meeting is sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) in cooperation with

the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Michigan State University Extension.

The focus of the meeting will be on the MDNR's current deer population estimating practices and long-term goals for the state's deer herd. Comments, suggestions and questions will be solicited from participants with regard to current and future deer management practices. MUCC has asked MSU

Extension to prepare a report summarizing the contents of the regional meetings. The report will be sent to the MDNR and the Michigan Natural Resources Commission for consideration before the opening of the deer hunting season.

More information about the meeting can be obtained from Justin Hall, MSU Extension wildlife agent, by calling (517) 241-3944, or from Adam Bump at MUCC by calling (517) 346-6484.

## Camp's bill would increase organ donation

Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI) introduced legislation today that will reduce the regulatory burden on Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs). OPOs play a critical role in procuring and placing organs. These agencies are not responsible for determining recipients or organs, however, they are responsible for harvesting, preserving, and transporting organs. In addition to these functions, OPOs provide information to the medical community and the general public to encourage organ and tissue donation to increase the availability for organs for transplantation.

"Each day, 57 people receive an organ transplant and it's because of the tireless efforts of the OPOs that those transplants take place," Camp

said. "This legislation will help to alleviate the regulatory burden on OPOs, restore fairness to the certification process used by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), so that these organizations can continue to make saving lives their number one priority."

Current regulations require that OPOs go through a recertification process every two years. The population-based performance measure used by HCFA has been widely criticized by the Institute of Medicine, the General Accounting Office and the Harvard School of Public Health as being significantly flawed for assessing performance. The certification process also lacks a provision for corrective action plans and does not allow for any appeal.

## A second chance for at risk youth

Michigan Youth Challenge Academy will be holding an orientation for class 2000-1 at the Marshall Street Armory, Battle Creek, April 22 at 10 a.m. This orientation is being held to familiarize mid Michigan residents with the new program and to make application for the next class, which will convene July 23.

Anyone needing assistance on completing application packets or information concerning The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy can contact any Army National Guard representative.

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy is a 22-week resident course designed to help high school drop-outs get a GED or high school diploma, improve life skills and improve the chance of employment

through military-style discipline.

In addition to 400 hours of classroom instruction, cadets receive leadership, self-discipline, physical and vocational training. Cadets also perform a minimum of 32 hours of community service and earn eight hours of college credit from Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy is administered by the Michigan National Guard and is open to any Michigan high school drop-out, 16 to 18 years old, without a felony conviction.

There is no cost to participate and no obligation to join the military.

More information may be found on-line at [www.state.mi.us/dmva/myacademy](http://www.state.mi.us/dmva/myacademy) or call 1-800-372-0523, (517) 348-8719.

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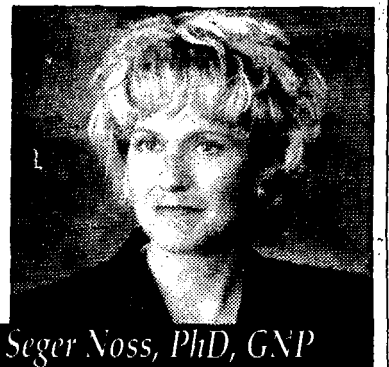
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## Putnam and Thomas engaged



Stacey Putnam and Tim Thomas

Ken and Vicki Putnam of Waters, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Marie to Tim Thomas, son of George and Nancy Thomas of Rochester Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grayling High School. She works in the accounting

department of Glen's Market in Gaylord.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Rochester High School. He works for Shawn Thomas Tree Service.

The wedding is planned for April 15, 2000 at Bear Lake Christian Church.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Daisi Eleanor Rouse was born October 22, 1999. She was 5 pounds, 15 3/4 ounces and 18 inches long. She is the daughter of Tanya Rice and Bob Rouse.

Her grandparents are Dan and Sharon Rice of Grayling and Niel and Shirley Rouse. Her great-grandparents are Walt and Eleanor Roe of Bellaire.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 66 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of April 3 - April 9:

Two driving violations/DWLS etc., three delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, two false alarms, three hazardous conditions, 13 general non-criminal, seven traffic accidents (two car-deer, one car-turkey), one parking violation, two motor vehicle inspections, five civil matter disputes/family trouble, three suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one missing person, one CSC/sexual assault, one assault and battery/simple assault, one larceny, one fraudulent activity, one nonsufficient funds checks, one property damage, six public peace/disorderly, nine health and safety (all animal control), one miscellaneous arrest.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 46 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from April 2 through April 8:

Three false alarms, one animal control, one assist to another department, 11 check law violations, two city ordinance violations, one domestic, one juvenile complaint, four larcenies, three malicious destruction of property, one OUIL, two suspicious situations, two private property accidents, one traffic accident, two civil infraction citations, two misdemeanor citations, two traffic control complaints, and seven miscellaneous complaints. In addition, 18 traffic warnings were given.

## OBITUARIES

### Elmer J. Stindt

Jun 21, 1911 - Mar 23, 2000

Elmer J. Stindt, 88, of Grayling died at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Mr. Stindt was born in Menominee, Wisconsin the son of Otto and Dora (Wehrs) Stindt. He married the former Mary H. Hopcroft April 26, 1940 in Detroit.

He moved to Grayling in 1975 from Highland Park. He was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Mr. Stindt taught school in Detroit for 30 years. Upon retirement he worked for the Michigan Department of Social Services for 10 years.

He was a volunteer at Camp Shawono tutoring young men in math and English. He was active at St. Francis Episcopal Church and always enjoyed making potato pancakes at the Shrove Tuesday dinner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary on October 28, 1999 and also by a loved grandson Andrew R. Stindt, June 3, 1997.

He is survived by two sons, John (Nan) Stindt of Troy and Thomas(Barbara) Stindt of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren, Stephen J. Stindt, Elizabeth A. Stindt and Susan J. Stindt; one sister, Lydia Hawkes of Madison, Wisconsin.

A memorial service will be held at noon, June 10 at St. Francis Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Memorials should be directed to St. Francis Episcopal Church Memorial Fund or The Andrew Stindt Scholarship Fund, c/o Athens High School, Troy, MI 48098.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

### Wanda B. Clark

Mar 18, 1903 - Apr 9, 2000

Wanda B. Clark, 97, of Higgins Lake died Sunday at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Clark was born in Detroit, the daughter of Louis and Amelia (McDonald) Barie. She married Elmer Clark in 1933 in Detroit. She moved to Higgins Lake in 1978.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and gardening. She was known for her sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Elmer in 1980, and one sister.

She is survived by one niece, Joan (Frank) Flees of Rochester Hills; three nephews, Robert (Gay) Fehlberg of Holly, John (Sue) Fehlberg of Romeo and James (Sandy) Fehlberg of Melbourne, Florida.

A Memorial Mass will be held on April 15 at 1 p.m. at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 7612 W. Higgins Lake Drive with Sister Chris officiating.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

### Emma J. Bennett

Emma J. Bennett, of Grayling, who died December 28, 1999, will be buried at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in Elmwood Cemetery.

### Irene Rachel Stephan

Nov 30, 1913 - Apr 5, 2000

Irene Rachel Stephan, 86, of Cadillac died Wednesday at her home.

Mrs. Stephan was born in Grayling, the daughter of John W. and Signe (Nielson) Randolph. She married Stanley G. Stephan February 7, 1937 in Grayling.

Mrs. Stephan was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. She enjoyed volunteer work at Mercy Hospital. She and her husband founded Stephan's Drug Store in 1945. She owned and operated Irene's Cards and Gifts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Stanley in November 1990, and one brother, Byron Randolph.

She is survived by one son, Michael (Bonnie) Stephan of Cadillac; one daughter, Kay (Ronald) Walker of Springfield, Virginia; grandchildren, Mari Stephan of Portage, Kathryn Stephan of Cadillac, Michelle (Eric) Davis of Northville, and Kerstin (Tom) Crutchfield of Ashburn, Virginia; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the United Methodist Church with Rev. Allen McCreeby and Parish Assistant Judy Coffey officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Memorial tributes should be directed to the American Cancer Society, United Methodist Church, or the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan.

Arrangements by: Hitesman Funeral Home, Cadillac.

### In Loving Memory of

Jacqueline (Jackie) LaChance

April 25, 1998

It has now been two years since the LORD took you home. But not a day goes by, that you are not thought of or missed. For our aching hearts miss you still with each passing day.

Thank you for the treasured memories and all the love you gave to each and every one of us each and every day.

We know you are still watching over us with each rise of the sun and every night of the stars. For you are one of our Angels, watching over us.

Mom, (Grandma) we miss you so very much. Love You.

Your children,  
grandchildren and  
great-grandbabies.

### Card of Thanks

I want to express my gratitude to the people of Crawford County. On Tuesday, March 21, my wife had a massive stroke on I-75 a few miles south of Grayling. Two vehicles stopped to help us. The three men in one of the vehicles called 911 and began CPR immediately. Within five minutes, the North Flight paramedic, Paul Owens, was on the scene, closely followed by the North Flight Ambulance team of Ted May and Greg Hanes.

My wife had been suffering from many medical problems and we were prepared with a living will and medical directive. The paramedic and ambulance crew were outstandingly efficient and courteous. Under these very stressful conditions it was a great help to have their guidance and thoughtfulness, as well as the care and concern shown by the gentlemen in the two vehicles who stopped to give roadside aid. The North Flight crew arranged to have the medical examiner, Dr. William McNamara, come to the site to save my family additional stress.

Although the loss of my wife of over 58 years is very painful, her suffering had been extreme and I was grateful for the consideration that all showed me. The ambulance crew escorted us to the Sorenson Funeral Home in Grayling, where arrangements were handled promptly and sensitively by Dean Meyering.

My daughters and I want to express our warmest personal appreciation to each of these individuals.

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Sue Reid, Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Technician, suggests regularly testing your drinking water well to safeguard family health. The signs of drinking water contamination are not always obvious; testing is the only way to ensure a safe supply.

Testing water for every contaminant is impractical and expensive, but testing for relevant indicators of water quality -- at a minimum, total coliform bacteria and nitrates, -- is

recommended.

The total coliform bacteria test determines if the water has been contaminated by human wastes that may have entered from septic systems, livestock manures, or by other sources. Further tests will be needed to determine the actual contamination source(s), if coliform bacteria is present.

A high nitrate test indicates your well may have been contaminated by septic systems, livestock facilities, fertilizer storage or handling sites, or other nitrogen sources. A nitrate level greater than 10 parts per million may indicate that there are other contaminants in the water. If there are agricultural activities in the area, testing for pesticides is advised.

Well water can be tested by your

local Health Department, MSU Extension Office, or private companies.

You can contact the Health Department or Extension Office to obtain sampling containers and instructions. Most homeowners will find that collecting a water sample is a simple and straightforward procedure.

Residents of Crawford County can actively protect their private wells from contamination by participating in the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program. The Groundwater Stewardship Abandoned Well Closure Project is a voluntary program designed to provide well owners with up-to-date well closure information, education, and technical assistance. Farmers or homeowners in designated wellhead

protection areas may qualify for cost-share dollars to help ease the financial burden of closing abandoned wells.

In conjunction with the abandoned well closure project, the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program offers a variety of other free and confidential programs designed to help homeowners and farmers form a comprehensive water quality plan that will save them money and time, while ensuring the health of their family and water supply.

To learn more about the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, contact Sue Reid, Groundwater Technician, at the Michigan State University Extension Office in Tawas City, (517) 362-3449 or 1-800-792-7404.

Calling all Kindergartners!

Planning has begun for fall of 2000. If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 1st, you need to register!! Please fill out a Kindergarten Survey. These forms are available at local preschools, daycares, and elementary schools. Hurry...the sooner you register the better!!!

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## Social Security benefit depends on earnings level

You received your annual IRS Form W-2 sometime in January telling you how much you earned during the past year. It's a good time to discuss the relationship between your earnings, Social Security taxes and the benefits they generate.

In fact, some of the answers may already be at your fingertips. Since October 1, 1999, Social Security has been sending out statements to people 25 and over telling them how much they have paid in taxes and how much they and their families can expect in benefits when they retire, die or if they become disabled. And if your birthday is not

close enough, you can call Social Security and have a statement sent to you.

Many people believe that how much they get in Social Security benefits will depend on how much they pay in Social Security taxes. That's not quite true. Actually, your Social Security benefit amount depends on how much you earn. It's based on your average annual earnings over your working career and generally the higher the average, the higher your benefit amount.

When you worked last year you paid Social Security taxes at the rate of 6.20 percent of your earnings up to \$72,600. (This "maximum

amount of taxable earnings" increases each year with increases in wage levels: in 2000, it will increase to \$76,200.) All your earnings are taxed at a rate of 1.45 percent for Medicare hospital insurance coverage.

The Social Security tax is a flat tax -- everybody pays on his or her earnings at the same rate. However, the benefit formula is progressive. It is weighted to pay a higher rate of return to low earners. In general, low earners may expect to receive monthly benefits equal to about 53 percent of their prior monthly earnings. Average earners get about 40 percent and maximum earners

about 24 percent.

The highest benefit payable to a person who retires in January 2000 at age 65 after paying taxes on maximum taxable earnings over the years is \$1,433. For the 65-year-old worker retiring in January 2000 with average earnings, the benefit is \$987. The low earner receives \$597.

To find out how all this adds up to Social Security protection for you and your family, you should review your Social Security Statement. You also can get your Statement from Social Security by calling toll-free, 1-800-772-1213. It can also be ordered on the Internet at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

## Host families needed for foreign exchange students

Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) High School Program is seeking local host families for international students for the 2000-2001 high school year.

Local representatives would like to place the students with an American host family as soon as possible. The family and student can get to know each other by writing, e-mail, and by telephone before the student arrives.

PIE is a non-profit, educational program designated by the United States Information Agency. The students are from 35 countries, most European countries, South

American countries, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Mexico, Vietnam, China and others. PIE participates in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States.

The students are 15 to 18 years of age. They bring their own spending money and have full medical insurance.

The students are eager to share their culture with an American family. The host family is responsible for love, guidance, room, and board.

PIE representatives match students with host families by common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the "perfect match."

There is no "typical" host family. PIE can match students to many types of families including single parents, empty nesters, childless couples, retired couples, or large families.

PIE also has an outbound program for American students to go to another country to study. PIE is always looking for volunteers who

would enjoy working with teens.

For more information about hosting a student, our outbound program, or if you would be interested in being a PIE representative please call your regional coordinator, Patricia Blundy at 1-800-382-7439. Or call our international office at 1-888-PIE-USA1.

## Third 'Voices of Michigan' writing contest opens

The third writing contest sponsored by the Mackinac Island Bookstore and MackinacJane's Publishing Company is now under way.

No experience is necessary to enter the contest and the selections need not be about Michigan.

The response to the first two contests was overwhelming and provided more than 80 novice writers the opportunity to be published, many

for the first time.

The first volume of *Voices of Michigan... An Anthology of Michigan's Finest Authors* is available in bookstores and volume two will be on the shelves in June.

Between April 1 and July 15, 2000 writers are invited to prepare a work of almost any kind -- fiction, non-fiction or poetry -- and submit it to MackinacJane's Publishing Company, "Voices of Michigan,"

Box 475, Mackinac Island, MI 49757.

To obtain submission details for the third contest or to order a copy of volume one, call The Island Bookstore at (231) 436-2665, Sharon Frost at (231) 487-1098, or use e-mail at:

[macjanes@juno.com](mailto:macjanes@juno.com), or visit the contest web site at: [www.voicesofmi.com](http://www.voicesofmi.com).

## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department Number 10 which serves a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like to see answered, please call or write the Health Department in your county.

### MAKING HEALTHY SANDWICHES - IT'S EASY

QUESTION: I have to pack my husband's lunch each day. He likes to take a sandwich but now he is on a diet. What sandwiches would be the lowest in calories and also lower in fat?

SIGNED: Health conscious wife.

ANSWER: Packing your husband's lunch is a great way to control calories and fat. A simple but healthy lunch can be made from a sandwich, sliced raw vegetables and several kinds of fruit. Soups, pasta, chili, etc. can be added if you invest in a thermos and insulated lunch bag.

Although some sandwiches can be high in calories and fat, others can be half the calories and very low fat.

For example, compare a turkey

and ham club sandwich with one of our more healthful suggestions. The club sandwich made with two ounces of turkey roll, three ounces of ham, one tablespoonful of mayonnaise, two ounces of Swiss cheese and three slices of white bread contains 745 calories and 46 grams of fat.

Obviously, this is not a good choice for a low calorie lunch. Instead, how about three ounces of lean roast beef, one-fourth cup of shredded fresh cabbage, one teaspoonful mustard on two slices of rye bread.

This sandwich contains only 310 calories and 10 grams of fat - a big difference.

Some other low calorie, low fat selections include the following:

1. Chicken salad - 3 ounces chicken breast, 1 tablespoonful low or no-fat salad dressing, lettuce, 2 tablespoonfuls alfalfa sprouts on two slices of whole wheat bread. This equals 315 calories and 4 grams of fat.

2. Tuna - 3 ounces water packed tuna, 1 tablespoonful fat-free salad dressing, one-fourth apple, lettuce on 2 slices whole wheat bread. This equals 305 calories and 3 grams of

fat.

3. Ham/veggie pita - 1 ounce extra lean ham, chopped bell pepper, one-fourth cup sprouts, 1 teaspoonful mustard in a pita pocket. This equals 220 calories and 3 grams of fat.

4. Egg salad - 2 hard boiled egg whites, 1 tablespoonful fat-free salad dressing, chopped celery, chopped watercress served on a bagel. This equals 245 calories and 2 grams of fat.

A few simple suggestions can help you create sandwiches of your own that are more nutritious and lower in fat:

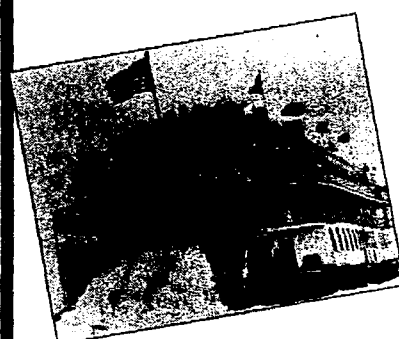
- Use whole grain breads for more minerals and fiber. Bagels and pita bread are low in both fat and sodium.

- Roasting your own meats helps reduce fat, calories, and sodium. Always limit the amount of meat you put on a sandwich.

- Substitute slices of fruit or vegetable for cheese and mayonnaise. These will add moisture and flavor without the fat.

- Make your own low-fat sandwich spreads from plain low-fat yogurt mixed with spices, or buy low-fat or fat-free spreads and dressings.

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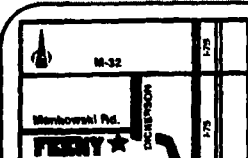
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## KCC instructor named to national writers' board

Gerry LaFemina, English Department Instructor of writing and literature at Kirtland Community College has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Associated Writing Programs (AWP). The AWP is a nonprofit organization that serves writers and educational programs for writers.

LaFemina was elected by general membership; both individuals and institutions comprise the association's membership - 18,000 writers, teachers and students; 50 conferences and centers for writers; and the 312 creative writing programs of colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

AWP's mission is to foster literary talent and achievement, to advance the art of writing as an essential component to a good education, and to serve the makers, teachers, students, and readers of contemporary literature.

LaFemina was one of two new members elected to the 12 person board, and he will serve a four-year term.

His main concern will be the organization's work with two-year schools, an issue he is well versed in. For the last two years he's coordinated the association's ad hoc two-year school caucus.

Richard Silverman, Kirtland Vice President for Instruction, said "Gerry becomes the only community college person on this national board. His appointment was partially based on the fact that he implemented one of the only community college associate degree programs in the fine and performing arts. And, his presence on the board will give it a sorely needed voice for and perspective about community colleges."

Most of LaFemina's concerns for two-year writing programs come

from his work at Kirtland.

For the last six years he has taught writing and literature at KCC while working to help make Kirtland one of North Central Michigan's 'art hot spots.'

With KCC Art Director Joe Donna, LaFemina helped create the Associate degree in Fine Arts programs in Creative Writing and Studio Arts; he developed the national literary arts magazine *Controlled Burn* on which students work; he initiated the popular *Controlled Burn* Reading Series which has over the past several years brought nationally-known poets and fiction writers to the campus; he organizes the annual *Writer's Harvest for Hunger Relief* reading in Traverse City; and, he directs the popular *Controlled Burn* Seminar for Young Writers - an intensive, week-long summer program for high-school aged writers.

LaFemina says about his work: "I have a very punk rock work ethic - D.I.Y. which means do it yourself. Growing up, I played in bands and worked with people who put on shows and put out records because nobody else was going to do it. That's a community. That's a scene. I believe in poetry and fiction - so I work hard as a literary citizen."

The AWP is hoping that some of that "punk rock" activism is used for the organization.

But, even with all that he does for the literary community up north, LaFemina still finds time to write and publish.

Since his arrival at Kirtland, he's published four collections of poetry: *The City of Jazz and Punk*, 23 *Below*, *A Print of Wildflowers*, and *Shattered Hours: Poems 1988-94*. And he has published essays, stories and poems in nationally-reputed magazines.

## Turkey enthusiasts wanted for membership in MWTHA

Yes, there is a new kid on the block -- the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunter's Association (MWTHA). The group has been in existence since spring 1996, with four chapters covering the northeast and northwest sections of Michigan's lower peninsula.

Although the association is fairly new, it is also among the oldest chapters established in Michigan. MWTHA organized at a time when wild turkeys were found in just a few locations within the state and were on the decline. MWTHA established winter surveys and a uniform winter feeding program to help count turkeys and increase pop-

ulation.

The group's sole purpose is to feed wild turkeys during the heavy winter snowfalls. By doing this, the MWTHA hopes to provide a quality hunt in the area.

Funds for the feeding do not come from the DNR. Each chapter provides its own funds through raffles, workshops and donations. All funds received are used to purchase corn and plant habitat for the wild turkeys.

None of the funds leave the state. Rather, they stay in the area to help pay to improve and increase the local turkey population. Last year the MWTHA fed 40,000 turkeys

with 300,000 lbs of corn.

Locally, Bill Fenwick and the AuSable River Valley Chapter cover the area east of I-75 and north of M-55 to the Straits. Fenwick can be reached at (517) 826-3474.

Jim Maturen and the Pere Marquette Chapter cover the area west of I-75 and south of M-72. Maturen can be reached at (231) 832-2575.

Rick Riley and the Traverse Bay Chapter cover the area west of I-75 and north of M-72 to the Straits. Riley can be reached at (231) 549-2705.

The Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas are covered by Rick Hamilton

and the Kenowa Beards and Spurs Chapter. Hamilton can be reached at (616) 247-1633.

Anyone wishing to learn more about MWTHA, join one of the chapters, or start a new chapter, may call any of the above mentioned phone numbers. There is a \$10 annual membership fee to help with state administrative costs. Each chapter also has its own fee used toward expenses.

No state or chapter officer receives any funds. All work is voluntary and done with a smile and a handshake, and MWTHA membership boasts they have the best and hardest wild turkey in the U.S.A.

## Area hospital offers Diabetes Education Classes

Free Diabetes Education Classes will be offered at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord during the month of May.

Classes are intended for persons with diabetes, family members, friends and/or caretakers, who have not had the opportunity to attend the classes in the past.

Anyone who has attended in the past and would like to repeat one or more sessions should call ahead of time at (517) 731-2193. Class size is limited and OMH reserves the

right to offer the sessions to those who have not had the opportunity to attend in the past.

All classes are held in the OMH boardroom and pre-registration is required by calling (517) 731-2193.

Class schedule is:

• Session I: May 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Introduction: "The Basics." Learn about diabetes and how to live with it.

• Session II: May 8, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - The "Nuts & Bolts" of Diabetes and Nutrition. Learn about

carbohydrate counting and exchanges.

• Session III: May 15, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Heart Disease: "What You Need to Know;" also, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Medications & Insulin: "How They Affect You."

• Session IV: May 22, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Exercise: "A Necessary Tool for Good Control;" also, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Foot Care: "Don't Take Anything for Granted."

A diabetes grocery store tour with a registered dietician will be sched-

uled soon after the class series has ended. Pre-registration is required. Please call for specific date, time and location of the tour.

The Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the OMH Cafeteria Annex. Everyone is welcome. No pre-registration is required for support group meetings.

## Social Security is important to women

Although Social Security is a vital force to all members of American society, it is especially important to women for a number of reasons.

First, if a woman works outside of the home, her tax contributions to the Social Security program may provide her with retirement, survivors and disability coverage based on her own Social Security record.

Secondly, besides covering a woman in her role as a worker,

Social Security also covers her in her roles as a wife, mother or widow.

She may be able to receive spouse's benefits on her husband's account when he retires.

She may be able to receive benefits based on caring for a child who is under the age of 16 or disabled. And she may be able to receive widow's benefits at age 60, or as early as 50 if she is disabled.

Since women live longer than men, they rely more on Social

Security's protection of income for a greater period of time.

Unlike other insurance policies, Social Security's annual cost-of-living increases also provide women with a good hedge against inflation.

For more information on how Social Security affects women, call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the booklet, *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know*. Copies are also available from [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) on the Internet.

## Free programs and services offered to MS victims

Local residents with multiple sclerosis (MS) can receive a wide array of free, direct support services that range from information to therapeutic equipment through the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA).

MSAA services include educational literature, a national lending library program that exceeds 100 titles, low-cost MRIs for people suspected of having MS, cool suits to help reduce symptoms, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups, and programs designed to link clients together via mail, phone, or com-

puter.

Heading into its 30th year, MSAA is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the day-to-day needs of people with multiple sclerosis. Multiple sclerosis is a chronic and often crippling disease of the central nervous system (CNS) that affects an estimated 350,000 Americans.

Individuals with MS experience a loss of myelin, insulation which covers the nerves. Myelin is then replaced with scar tissue. This scar tissue "short-circuits" messages traveling between the brain and

body. The result is a loss of body function that can produce symptoms such as blindness, loss of coordination and balance, and impaired mobility.

At present there is no known cause or cure for MS. The disease, however, is not fatal, contagious or hereditary.

For more information about free programs and services for MS sufferers, call 1-800-LEARN MS, log on to [www.msaa.com](http://www.msaa.com) or write to Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, 706 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.



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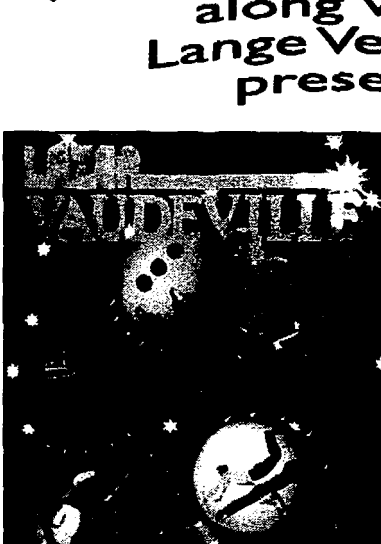
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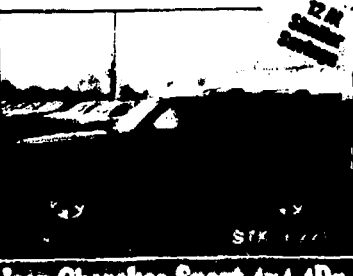
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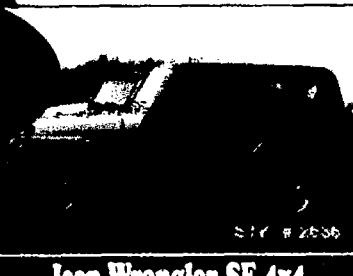
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## KCC Summer/Fall registration dates set

Residents of the Kirtland Community College district (Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties) are advised to watch their mailboxes this week for the delivery of Kirtland's summer/fall schedule of classes.

Stacey Thompson, Kirtland Registrar, says that in the event a resident does not receive a copy, he or she will be able to pick one up at the Admissions Office on the Kirtland campus, 10775 N. St. Helen Road. Persons may also call (517) 275-5000, ext. 284 and have a schedule mailed to them.

"If you're going to attend Kirtland this summer or fall," said Thompson, "you will really want to read a schedule right away; it will answer many questions for you and

give you information which will save you time and effort when you register."

The early, regular and late registration dates for summer/fall semesters is:

- April 17 - 20: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Early registration for the summer and/or fall semesters for returning students.

- April 24 - 27: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., and April 28: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., early registration for the summer and/or fall semesters for new and returning students (open).

- June 1: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and June 2: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., regular summer/early fall registration (open).

- June 5 - 6: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., late summer/early fall registration

(open).

- June 5: Summer semester begins.

- July 10 - 11 and July 17 - 18: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., early fall registration (open).

- August 23 - 24: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and August 25: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. regular fall registration (open).

- August 28 - 29: 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., late fall registration (open).

- August 28: fall semester begins.

Thompson urged new students to call now to apply for admission to Kirtland. "There are a number of steps a new student must go through to register," said Thompson, "but, the first is filling out an application form and returning it to the College. This should be done now. The Student Service Office personnel

will help new students and give them all the information they need and the documents they have to have. The process is much, much easier when it is started early."

In addition to the listing of available courses, the summer/fall class schedule also includes information about applying and registering for college, orientation, tuition, placement testing, financial aid, course fees, honors classes, continuing education courses, academic advising, special courses such as on-line Internet courses and telecourses, tutoring, bookstore, and much more.

For more information about attending Kirtland, please call (517) 275-5000, ext. 284 or see the College's web site on the Internet: [www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/](http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/)

## Summer's hottest country concerts are at Interlochen

The Interlochen Arts Festival announces its eagerly awaited country line-up, part of its 2000 "Summer Collection." Variety best describes the Interlochen shows: female singing great Wynonna, top male star Randy Travis, the legendary Willie Nelson, and western swing sensations Asleep at the Wheel opening for the always classy Kathy Mattea.

All performances take place at 8 p.m. in the open-air Kresge Auditorium.

The Arts Festival opens with one of the most recognizable voices in country music, Wynonna, performing Thursday, June 8. Her soulful, spirited string of hits includes such smashes as *She is His Only Need*,

*No One Else on Earth and Tell Me Why*. Wynonna's most recent release, *New Day Dawning* marks the first time she has produced her own music and features the widest stylistic scope she has ever attempted. Ticket prices range from \$21.50 to \$36.50.

Next, Randy Travis makes his northern Michigan debut Thursday, June 22. Nearly 15 years after his rise to country music superstardom, Randy Travis remains at the top of his game with his new album, *A Man Ain't Made of Stone*. In addition to his full-time music career, Travis has also performed in such films as *The Rainmaker*, *Black Dog* and *Fire Down Below*. Ticket prices range from \$29.50 to \$44.50.

Interlochen continues its country line-up with the ever-popular Willie Nelson on Wednesday, July 19. This consummate performer constantly brings new energy and material to each concert, but doesn't forget the classics like *Crazy* and *On the Road Again*. Nelson's latest album, *Night and Day* is an instrumental compilation of some of his favorite songs. Ticket prices range from \$19.50 to \$34.50.

Last, but certainly not least, Friday, August 18, will see two acts. Asleep at the Wheel and Kathy Mattea at Interlochen. Asleep at the Wheel has been swinging and free-wheeling for nearly three decades. Kathy Mattea is entering her 17th year as a recording artist with all 11 of her albums still in print and still selling steadily. Two of them are Grammy Award winners: five of

them are gold records.

Ticket prices range from \$17.50 to \$32.50.

The entire summer season includes nearly 40 guest artists and will be announced Friday, April 21, with order forms available in that day's *Traverse City Record-Eagle*. Forms may be mailed or faxed to the Interlochen Box Office. Box office phones and windows, as well as the ticket counter at the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau, open Monday, May 15.

To get on Interlochen's mailing list, call the Box Office at (231) 276-6230; write the Interlochen Box Office at P.O. Box 199, Interlochen, MI 49643-0199; send a fax, (231) 276-7444; or visit Interlochen on the web at [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org). Please provide your name and address.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Larry "Stick" Eckardt Sr. would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to (at the scene) David, Annette, an off duty paramedic and the Mercy Ambulance Crew. In addition, we would like to thank The Eagles' Club, our volunteer D.J., family, friends and numerous other guests. Your "hugs," cards, generous donations and kind words were a blessing to our family at this time of loss. His presence and smile will be missed by all.

The Eckardt Family

## Congressman Camp votes for emergency TB plan

Last week, Congressman Dave Camp voted for legislation calling attention to the bovine tuberculosis problem in Michigan, which threatens Michigan's dairy and cattle farmer.

The bill, H.R. 3908, urges the U.S. Department of Agriculture to address the problem of bovine tuberculosis in Michigan. Cattle infected with bovine TB is becoming one of Michigan's top agricultural challenges.

Cattle are infected with bovine TB virus from deer.

The state of Michigan has been very active in eradication strategies and containment strategies, but with the deer overpopulation and mild winters year after year, the deer population continues to grow and cattle continue to face exposure to the disease.

H.R. 3908 calls on the USDA to develop a strategy for epidemiology and surveillance, deer ecology, epidemiological risk analysis, disease control and eradication, and diagnosis

and pathogenesis. The bill also requires the USDA to report to Congress by May 1 on its plan of action and any additional funds needed to accomplish its goals.

Camp and fellow Michigan Representatives contacted USDA Secretary Dan Glickman after House passage of the bill, urging the Department to promptly submit its plan of action to Congress and to work closely with the Michigan Congressional delegation on a bovine TB strategy.


In agriculture spending legislation passed last year, Camp led an effort to obtain \$200,000 for a new research project to study the control and eradication of bovine TB and how to make testing less burdensome for farmers.

Earlier this year, Camp and the Michigan Congressional delegation sent a request to the House Appropriations Committee for an additional \$7.5 million in funding for testing, research, compensation to affected farmers, and inspection.

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## Grayling League now taking registrations

► Application deadline for this season will be Friday, April 21

Grayling Little League is currently accepting registrations for the 2000 season, until April 21.

To register a child, parents need to: complete a registration form, provide a copy of a state certified birth certificate, and pay a \$45 registration fee. (The fee includes two fund-raising "home run cards" parents can sell for \$10 apiece for a \$20 refund.) Completed forms should be turned in to Sylvester's of Grayling, located on M-72 West across the street from DuBois Lumber.

A child's little league age is determined by the child's age on July 31. Grayling Little League assigns players to the following age divisions:

A. Junior Baseball: ages 13 & 14; B. Major Baseball: ages 11 & 12; C. Intermediate Baseball: ages 9 & 10; D. Minor Baseball: 7 & 8; E. Senior Softball: 13 to 15; F. Major Softball: 9 to 12.

Minor Softball (ages 7 & 8) and Senior Baseball (ages 15 & 16) will be determined.

Little League tryouts will be held at Millikin Field on Saturday, April 22, according to the following schedule: Junior Baseball at 9 a.m.; Major Baseball at 10 a.m., and Intermediate/Minor Baseball at 11 a.m.

The late registration period this year will be April 23-29, and will require an additional late fee of \$10.

Draft night will be held on April 30.

Registration questions may be directed to Grayling Little League President Rich Alexander at (517) 348-5709 or Player Agent Dee VanNuck at (517) 348-3114.

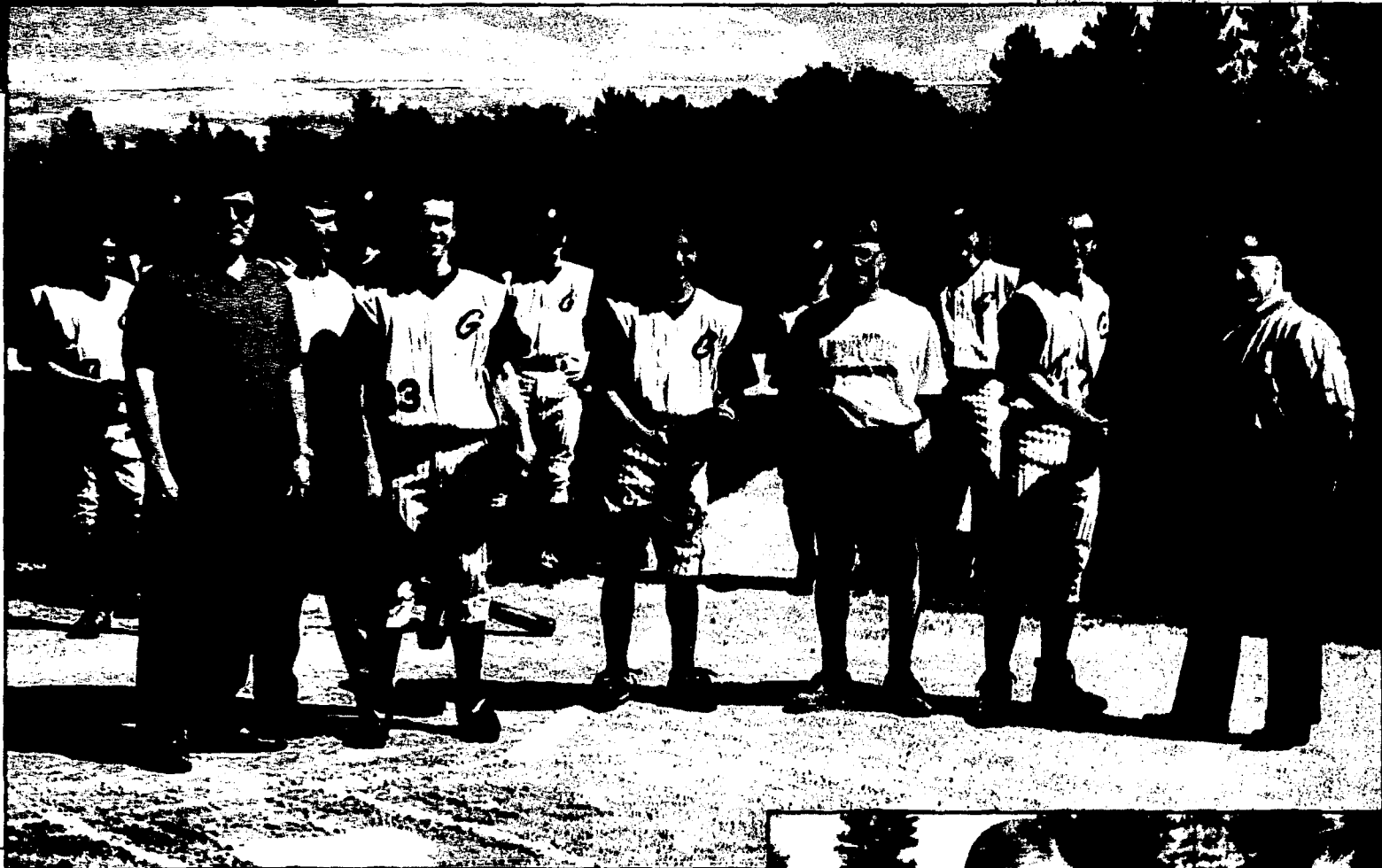
Grayling Little League Board of Directors members are: Rich

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**Batter up.** The 2000 Grayling Little League season is almost here. Registration is now underway, and will continue until April 21. There will be a late registration period (April 23-29), but it will cost you another \$10 to sign up late. Tryouts will be held on April 22, draft night is April 30, and games start in May. An application to play Little League is available on Page 2B.

(Below) Grayling Little League players Kelsey Gilbert (left) and Adam Gilbert (right), with mom Karen Gilbert.



As usual, Little League will feature several age divisions this year, in baseball and softball. Little League age is determined by a child's age on July 31. To register for Little League, return application forms to Sylvester's of Grayling. (Left) Prior to the 1999 season, Big League Baseball team members met with members of the team's sponsor: American Legion.

(Below) Little League softball players Chelsea Wolcott and Katie Baynham.



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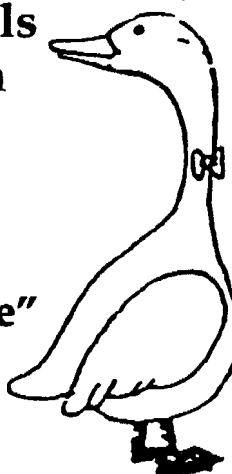
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Softball

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Please provide information about allergies or medical conditions that the team should have in case of emergency:

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I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Inc., the organizers, sponsors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of any injury whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.

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I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to League Officials.

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature(s):

Name of Family Hospitalization Plan:

Parent's Occupation:

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President's Signature

**Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability.**

## Little League now taking registrations

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Alexander - President; Todd Hernandez - Intermediate Division Vice President; Dee VanNuck - Treasurer; Player Agent; Duane VanDrese - Big League/American Legion V.P.; Mike Lang - Junior Division V.P.; Rocky Rockhold -

Major Division V.P., Umpire; Lynn Ferrigan - Minor Division V.P.; Sandy Baynham - Softball Division V.P.; Scott Feldhauser - Equipment Manager; Richard Schmidt - Field Maintenance; Brian Burrell - Special Projects; Frank Foguth - Special Projects; Ken Helsel - Special Projects; James Tobin - Past President; Tammy Cook and Natasha McCuan - Concession Volunteers.

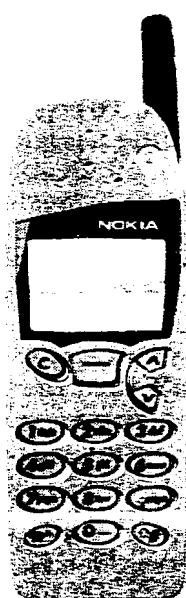
(Right) Little League players Bethany Cornell (left), Brian Hagerman (right) and Travis Cornell (bottom) with grandmother Joan Cornell. (Below) The Kernstock Construction team, coached by Paul VanNuck, goes "hats off."



(Above, left to right) D.J. Metzger, Annette Metzger, and Darrell Metzger. (Right) Catching a fly ball.

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# Field trip takes students back in time

Twelve Grayling Elementary School classes took trips to Hartwick Pines State Park, March 20-22, to learn how maple syrup is made. Park Interpreter Ann Stephens and Park Historian Rob Burg prepared a thorough presentation for the third and fifth grade students, from the old-time process of tapping maple trees to the boil-down method. Students participated in other pioneer activities inside the Interpretive Center and reported they enjoyed the hands-on lessons of the entire experience. The trip to Hartwick Pines was part of National Reading Month activities and coincided with the Pioneer Theme selected by the Parents Group.



**THERE'S A DIFFERENCE** - Hartwick Pines historian Rob Burg shows fifth graders the different colorations of maple syrup. Some are light amber and others are dark.



**MIGHTY LOAD** - Patrick Belcher volunteered to carry the sap back from the woods.

**STEAMY SCENE** - Colleen Fleischmann and Jess Fairbotham (above) boil down maple sap at Hartwick Pines State Park.



**TOOLS OF THE TRADE** - (Above) Students look over the tools they will need before venturing into the woods to tap trees using methods of the early pioneers.

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American Men's	
Forrest Brothers	68 - 30
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High Game: T. Kotrash, 252; M. Keir, 233; L. Helsel, 233.	
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Charlies Country Corner	31 - 25
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Fick & Sons	23 - 33
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High Game Men: M. Campbell, 211; J. Campbell, 210; C. Wilson, 196.	
High Series Men: M. Campbell, 583; J. Campbell, 528; D. Wallace, 526.	
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 194; D. Calkins, 182; D. Medina, 181.	
High Series Women: K. Moshier, 497; D. Medina, 495; J. Hinds, 483.	
Northwood	
American Legion	34 - 18
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Shady Acres Party Store	33 - 19
Rochettes	32 - 20
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Darrell's Roofing	19 - 33
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High Game: N. Glasslee, 205; S. Romain, 198; L. Dannenberg, 189.	
High Series: L. Dannenberg, 524; N. Glasslee, 507; T. Raybould, 487.	
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Mark 8	30 - 22
Glen's Market	28 - 24
Gray Rock Café	25.5 - 26.5
Scheer Motors	25 - 27
Peterson Saw Service	19 - 33
Cornell	17 - 35
High Game: K. Schneider, 189; D. Mead, 188; P. Everson, 181.	
High Series: P. Everson, 511; K. Schmidt, 502; D. Mead, 496.	
Senior	
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	74 - 42
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High Series Men: H. Ingram, 577; K. Harris, 522; A. Smith, 498.	
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## GMS cheerleaders attend clinic



The Grayling Middle School cheerleaders attended the Champion Cheerleading Clinic in Houghton Lake earlier in the season. (Pictured) The Grayling Middle School cheerleaders and clinic instructors.

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## GHS spring sports teams start seasons

► Most Grayling teams to play home openers, season openers this week

The high school spring sports season is here.

"Opening Day" for both the Grayling High School varsity baseball and softball teams will be Wednesday, April 12. The squads will open their seasons with Boyne City at home on April 12, at 4 p.m. The teams will play at Kalkaska on Friday, April 14, then will return to Grayling for a home series against the Roscommon Bucks. The first game will start at 4 p.m. (GHS baseball and softball teams play double-headers.)

After a couple away matches, the GHS varsity girls soccer team will play its home opener on Friday, April 14, at 5 p.m., against the Panthers of Standish Sterling. The team will be playing its home games in Viking Stadium this season, and there will be an admission charge at the gate to see the lady Vikes in action.

The GHS boys and girls track teams will open their meet schedule at Roscommon on Wednesday, April

12. The teams will be competing against Roscommon and Charlevoix, beginning at 4 p.m. The first home meet for the Grayling track team will take place on May 3 at 4 p.m.

The boys tennis team will compete in its home opener this week, as the Vikings host Traverse City St. Francis on Wednesday, April 12, at 4 p.m. The team will play in Charlevoix on Thursday, and return to the home court on Monday, April 17, against Boyne City at 4 p.m.

The GHS girls golf team opens a 10-game regular season schedule on Thursday, April 13, with a home meet against Alpena at 4 p.m. at the Grayling Country Club. The team also plays at home on Monday, April 17, this time against Petoskey at 4 p.m.

The JV baseball and softball teams play at Boyne City this Wednesday. The two teams will play their home openers on Friday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. against the Kalkaska Blazers.

The GHS baseball and softball fields are located behind Viking Stadium. The tennis courts are located near the back of Grayling High School past the parking lot. Track meets and soccer games are held at Viking Stadium.

## Bear Museum Curator visits former home



Photo courtesy of Pete Kocofas

Former Grayling resident and current Fred Bear Museum Curator Frank Scott (holding the antlers of the first legally shot-with-a-bow elk in the state of Michigan) recently visited Grayling. Scott delivered the elk antlers from the Fred Bear Museum in Florida to the Crawford County Historical Museum in Grayling, and stopped to see the Bear Archery Collection of Pete Kocofas (in the background).

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# Skate Park to host grand opening

► Competition and live music to highlight park's ceremonial opener

The Hanson Hills Skate Park, located inside the Fred Bear Memorial Center, will hold its official grand opening on Saturday, April 22, at the park. (The park first opened in December.)

The grand opening event will include a competition for skateboards and rollerblades. The competition will start at 1 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per participant. Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place winners of each division.

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See "SKATE PARK..."



Photos by Caleb Casey  
(Left) Local skateboarder Nick McNamar works the grind rail at the Hanson Hills Skate Park. (Above) Lee Barnett navigates one of the park's ramps. (Right) Matt Boardman of Grayling takes a jump on the pyramid ramp.

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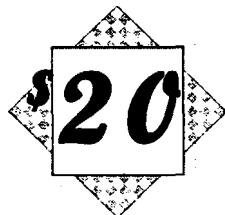
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## Skate Park to host grand opening

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The competition will be open to skaters age eight and up. Participants must have a signed release form.

(Registration forms can be picked up at the Hanson Hills Skate Park.)

The event will also feature live music.

The skate park grand opening festivities are being sponsored by Boards & Beyond Skate Shop. The shop will have decks, trucks, hats, shirts, and other merchandise at the competition.



(Left) Local skater Chase Barnett slides down the skate rail. (Above) Skateboarder Nick McNamar catches air on the pyramid ramp. (Right) Wade McGregor (left) comes to a momentary stop, while Jason Riley of Cadillac plans his next run from a quarter pipe.



## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

Case No. 99-11046-CH  
Hon. Donald E. Shelton

KERRY A. MACVAY, Trustee of the Kerry A. MacVay Revocable Trust dated July 20, 1993, and GLENFORD W. HANSON and DOROTHY K. HANSON, as Trustees of the Glenford W. Hanson and Dorothy K. Hanson Trust dated April 2, 1992, Plaintiffs,

CLARENCE WILLIS BAUGHN, and BERNICE E. BAUGHN, Husband and Wife; CORNELIUS ALVIN BAUGHN and PATRICIA BAUGHN, Husband and Wife; HENRY GILBERTSON and VIRGINIA LOUISE GILBERTSON, Husband and Wife; ROBERT W. SEEFELD, Sr., as Survivor of Sarah Elizabeth Seefeld, Deceased, Husband and Wife; MARY L. BAUGHN, as Survivor of Henry Winston Baughn, Deceased, Wife and Husband; LAWRENCE E. BAUGHN and ELEANOR F. BAUGHN, Husband and

Wife; and VARIOUS JOHN and JANE DOE, as UNKNOWN Heirs of Earl and Florence Baughn, Defendants.

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#### ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, on this 22nd day of March, 2000.

PRESENT: Hon. Donald E. Shelton, Circuit Judge

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Substitute Service by Publication, and with the proper showing having been made by Plaintiffs for Order permitting service of process by publication:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to MCR 2.105(l) and MCR 2.106,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion is GRANTED. Alternate substitute service by publication shall be

made as provided below.

TO: Clarence Willis Baughn and Bernice E. Baughn, husband and wife, of Grayling County and Livingston County, their heirs presently unknown, and Robert W. Seefeld, Sr. of Gardenia County, California and Livingston County, as Survivor of Sarah Elizabeth Seefeld, Deceased, and his heirs presently unknown.

You are being sued by Plaintiffs in the above-identified Court in an action seeking to quiet title to real property located in Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, known as Lot 7 extension parcel more fully described as: a parcel of land in the northwest 1/4, section 1, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 7, Virginia Land, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, page 48, Washtenaw County Records, thence southerly along the east line of Lot 7 as continued 40'; thence westerly on a line parallel to the southerly line of Lot 7 35.25' thence northerly 40' to the southwest corner of Lot 7; thence easterly along the southerly line of Lot 7 to the point of beginning.

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in the above Court at the court address of 101 East Huron Street, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107, telephone number (734) 994-2507, on or before May 12, 2000.

If you fail to so respond, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief

demanded in the Complaint filed in this case.

The property described in this action is contiguous to the Plat of Virginia Land as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, page 48, Washtenaw County Records, as dedicated by Earl E. Baughn and Florence E. Baughn, husband and wife, as proprietors on April 3, 1925. All named Defendants are, upon information and belief, the known heirs to Earl and Florence Baughn who may possibly claim an interest on the land described through a chain of title leading back to the original plat proprietors.

Published: March 30, 2000  
April 6, 2000  
April 13, 2000

Hon. Donald E. Shelton  
Circuit Judge  
Prepared by: Conlin, McKenney & Philbrick, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs  
By: Bradley J. McLampy (P34631)

-30-6-13

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage made on the date of May 24, 1995

by John L. Wakeley, a single man, as mortgagor, to David A. Cruickshank and Betty M. Cruickshank, husband and wife, as Mortgagee, said Mortgage being recorded June 16, 1995 at Liber 395 Page 408-409, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, upon which note there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight and 34/100 (\$17,568.34) Dollars**, plus accrued interest at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, plus late fees and other allowable costs, including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes and insurance accruing from November 12, 1999.

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage and the power of sale being contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default:

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of April, 2000 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said promissory note with interest thereon at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said promissory note and mortgage. The land and the premises described in said mortgage is located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of **Ten (10.0%) Percent**, and any fees, taxes or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date

of the sale. The property shall be offered for sale in parcels or in total.

This notice is an attempt to collect a debt. CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.  
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
PO Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-5232

-30-6-13-20

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 00-6108-IE

Estate of GEORGE W. ALEXANDER  
Date of birth: 10/18/30  
TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, George W. Alexander III, who lived at 11204 Devils Elbow Trail, Grayling, Michigan died February 23, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Peggy A. Alexander, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 3, 2000

Alan E. Price P19091  
126 South Main Street  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104  
(734) 662-4426

Peggy A. Alexander  
11204 Devils Elbow Trail  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

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### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following requests:

Case 2000-1C: EDWIN & LOLA HARTIG, petitioners  
4946 Warner Drive  
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-040-45-240-00-025-00  
Location: 4946 Warner Drive, Lot 25 East  
Branch Estates Sub. Sec. 32, T27N, R3W

A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a beauty salon with one styling chair and one tanning bed as an In-Home Occupation in the R-1 Zone (Single Family Residential).

Case 2000-2NA: EARL & ROSE DENTER, petitioners  
2075 S. Thomas Road  
Saginaw, MI 48609

Property Code: 20-045-900-00-042-00  
Location: 96 Black Bear Dr., Lot 42 Thendara  
Sub. Sec. 7, T26N, R3W

A request for a Class "A" Designation to allow the conversion of an existing 780 square foot garage into a permanent residence of 1260 square feet.

Case files, zoning maps and ordinances are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence concerning the requests may be directed to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling, MI 49738

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### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #00-6 David & Jeanne Reichelderfer, petitioners.  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 13  
Karen Woods Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 28 & 29  
6440 Richard Road  
R-2 Zone

A request to add a 28'x34' attached garage to an existing residence 5' from the side lot line (Karen Road), a variance of 25'.

Case #00-7 Grayling Township Board, petitioner.  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 15  
Grayling Park Sub., Blk 5, Lots 7 & 8  
R-2 Zone

A request for ordinance interpretation to determine whether a variance of the side set-back provisions, as well as further variance of the overall lot size is appropriate per Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2 in reference to a lot split request.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton - Township Clerk

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### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TO HOST TRAFFIC ACCESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

A comprehensive seminar discussing the need and methods of developing traffic access management plans will be held in the Grayling Township conference room on Monday, April 24, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tom Doyle, an MDOT planner, and Mark Wyckoff, of the Lansing based Planning and Zoning Center, will be the seminar leaders. Both are experts in the field of managing roads and traffic within a community developmental plan. Wyckoff recently developed and wrote a master plan for the City of Grayling and Grayling Township.

This seminar will be of interest to all persons involved in community planning, including planning commission members, zoning board members, township and city board members, developers, civic planning organizations, business organizations, recreational planners, and industrial, commercial and residential developers.

The cost of the seminar is \$5 to cover lunch expenses. Registration can be made by contacting Grayling Township at (517) 348-4361. Checks should be written to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

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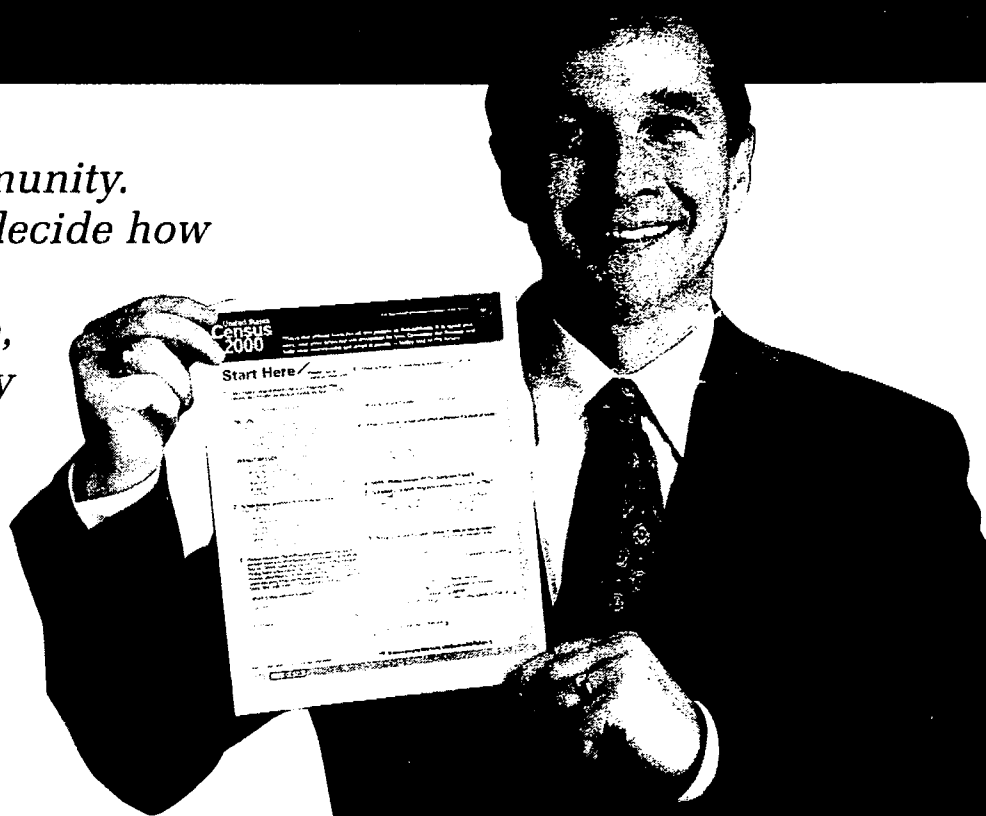




# Let America Know What Michigan Needs... Fill Out The Form!

*"It's not too late to make a true difference for your community. Please take a moment to fill out the census. It's used to decide how much money our communities receive for our schools. Education is not the only issue at stake. Child assistance, better housing, healthcare, senior programs, public safety and road funding are all impacted by the census. Your participation is very important. It's not too late to let America know what Michigan needs for a better future."*

**Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus**



United States  
**Census  
2000**

**This is Your Future...  
Don't Leave it Blank!**

**Census  
2000**



# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 16-22

**Aries**  
**March 21-April 20**  
News from an unlikely source may not be as bad as expected. It is important you be direct. You can work out an agreement that will be profitable for everyone involved. It may not be the best time for you to take off on a long trip.

**Taurus**  
**April 21-May 21**  
A health problem may be taking a lot out of you. You just don't realize how much it is affecting your family, too. It's time to quit ignoring it and see a doctor. Take some time to enjoy the simple pleasures and treasures in life.

**Gemini**  
**May 22-June 21**  
You may be challenged by someone in authority, so be sure you keep records of everything you have done. Remember, a good defense starts with a good offense. Be more compassionate toward loved ones. Your impatience is showing.

**Cancer**  
**June 22-July 22**  
Problems are on the horizon for a close relationship. However, it's a good time to laugh at yourself. You may be surprised at the allies you'll gain by shaking off your problems and laughing your cares away. Listen to a good idea at work.

**Leo**  
**July 23-August 23**  
Call your travel agent. This may turn out to be the best time in your busy schedule for a trip. If you sign up now, you won't be able to back out later. A legitimate business plan may be headed your way, so keep your eyes and ears open.

**Virgo**  
**August 24-September 22**  
You have a style all your own. This week you'll find that unique style will go a long way toward opening new doors for you...socially and professionally. So remember, no matter where you are, be yourself. Be understanding of differing opinions.

**Libra**  
**September 23-October 23**  
Deal with your coworkers positively. They'll be more likely to listen and try to understand your views. It is important that you value each person as an individual. They all have unique ideas, and they're worth listening to.

**Scorpio**  
**October 24-November 22**  
A change of attitude is in the air. Whether it's your attitude or a friend's, it's important that you don't try to impose your spiritual values on someone you know. Try something new and different. It will give you a new outlook on life.

**Sagittarius**  
**November 23-December 21**  
A friend is entrenched in a sticky domestic situation. Don't get involved. This is one situation you don't want to be in the middle of. Keep telling yourself that it's none of your business. Listen to a coworker's advice on investing some money.

**Capricorn**  
**December 22-January 20**  
The urge to roll up your sleeves and get busy will work in your favor. Your efficient methods will catch on very quickly. You'll have a tendency to make people very comfortable with your innovative and time-saving suggestions.

**Aquarius**  
**January 21-February 18**  
Don't wait any longer, take steps to register for that class you have been thinking of taking. Exciting career opportunities are headed your way. Be secure in your knowledge and open to change, and the opportunities will find you.

**Pisces**  
**February 19-March 20**  
Your decision about expenses is going to make a big difference in your professional and personal life. Instead of accusing supervisors of nit-picking, use their constructive criticism. It could go a long way toward accomplishing your goals.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Apple Waldorf Salad

4 cups cubed red apples  
1 cup halved seedless green grapes  
2/3 cup sliced celery  
1/2 cup broken walnuts,

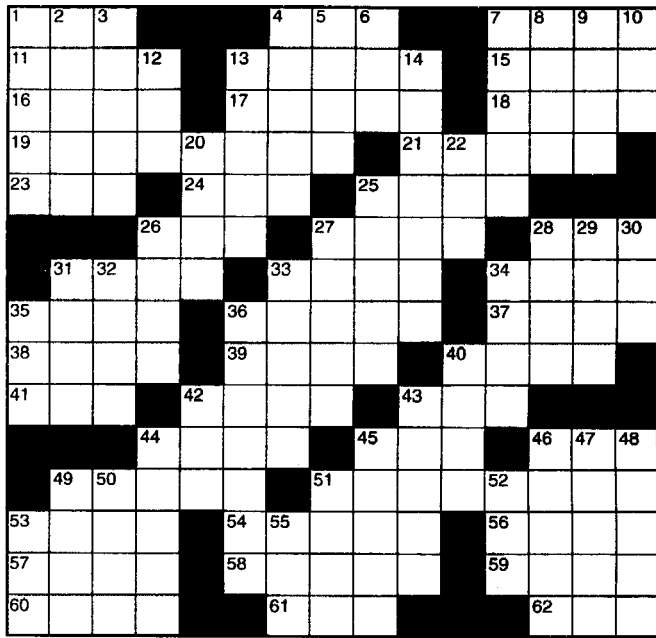
optional  
1/2 cup whipped topping, thawed  
1/4 cup mayonnaise

Thoroughly combine all ingredients. Serve or chill for 1 hour.  
Yield: 6 servings, 2/3 cup ea.



**HOME NEEDED** - Zeek is a 4 month old male boxer mix. Housebroken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Black widow's home
- Mauna
- Parrotfish milieu
- Range component
- Rita Hayworth film
- Patriot Nathan
- Violent anger
- Gun used to time fastballs
- "...pudding \_\_\_ the eating" (2 wds.)
- Those in mid-proposal?
- \_\_\_ Carlo
- Speedy aircraft
- Positive reply
- Modernize
- Outcome
- Fax
- Ship's letters
- "Abraham, Martin and John" singer
- The King of Babalu
- Campus gp.
- Forest frond
- Blood channel
- Merely
- Arabic letters
- Uses a shovel
- Prudent
- "Come \_\_\_ My House"
- Connecticut's Ivy League school
- Knots Landing role
- Reproduction

### DOWN

- Toils
- Cowgirl Dale
- Generate
- Falsifiers
- Automotive pioneer
- Birthplace of Oral Roberts
- Endangered animal, for short
- "It is the \_\_\_ and Juliet the sun!"
- Writer Wiesel
- Boggy area
- Born, society-style
- Von Stroheim film
- Georgia's neighbor

- Buddhism
- Roll of money
- Portly
- Delay
- Airline offering sometimes
- The Main
- Miss Havisham, to Estella
- "Nothing can need \_\_\_" (George Herbert)
- Antimacassar
- Dancer's movement
- "\_\_\_ fair in love and war"
- Magazine staffers: abbr.
- Alte
- Singer Loretta
- Type of job
- Breathers
- Geologic time divisions
- Twilled fabric
- Large coffeepots
- Shopper motivator
- Pen full of oink?
- Actor Jones
- The Joy of Cooking author Rombauer
- Shiny sandwich wrap
- Polly Holiday role
- Conformed
- Waste not, \_\_\_ not
- One of "three little words"
- Sleeveless garments
- Nat King and Natalie
- Zip codes predecessors
- "\_\_\_ God I Were a Tender Apple Blossom"
- Hall played by Keaton
- Inhibit
- Directive to a broker
- Follow secretly
- Hang fire
- Idea lacking substance
- Farm sound
- Voltaire's life

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago April 14, 1977

Education must be on the minds of many local residents since 13 people have submitted petitions signifying their intent to run for the Crawford AuSable District Board of Education.

Education costs and the controversial Single Business Tax occupied most of the time of 37th District State Senator Bob Davis and 103rd Representative Ralph Ostling during their first Grayling "town hall meeting" on Monday.

A 15-year-old Kalkaska youth who stole his foster parents car remains in critical condition in Grayling Mercy Hospital. He led police on a 25 mile chase at speeds up to 130 mph, running 15 cars off the road before being stopped on M-72 near Crawford County. As police approached the car, the youth shot himself in the stomach with a shotgun.

The Curriculum Committee report on the Crawford AuSable district have several recommendations for the Board. The highest priority was to spend more on textbooks, teaching supplies, and library materials before new classes are offered. They also felt that there was a greater need for more respect and cooperation between parents, teachers and administrators.

### 46 Years Ago April 15, 1954

The Fourth Annual Amateur Contest sponsored by the Sophomore Class of GHS was a huge success and the auditorium was filled to overflowing. Grayling residents swept all three places in the junior division: Arnold Stancil took first with a trumpet and vocal solo; Patricia Davis earned second placed with a song and tap dance; and Ann Marie Stancil took third place with a piano solo.

The Grayling Boy Scouts are offering for sale a license plate to

attach to the front bumper of the car. It will sell for \$1 and have the slogan "Grayling. Where The AuSable Begins."

Inmate labor from Corrections-Conservation Camps Lehman and La Victorie will be used in the construction of a community lighted athletic field in Grayling. The field to be located at the end of Michigan Avenue and to the right of the City Trailer Park will be useable for baseball, softball, track, football and possible a skating area floodlighted in the winter.

Grover Cason was host to this bowling team - Cason's Triangle Motel and Spike's bowling team at a steak dinner at Werner's near Lewiston, Wednesday evening of last week. It was because of a wager Mr. Cason had made and lost that Spike's team was entertained.

Liland Smock credits the use of a hand fire extinguisher with putting out a fire that threatened their home Thursday, giving them a bad scare. When they discovered the fire, they tried to call the fire department but found their phone was out of commission. They ran to their neighbors and found phones out of order there also. By the time the fire department could get there Mr. Smock had the fire out.

### 69 Years Ago April 16, 1931

Two new members attending the regular April meeting of the State Conservation Commission: M.J. Fox of Iron Mountain and Philip K. Fletcher of Alpena, who were appointed by Governor Brucker.

Mrs. Alex LaGrow had the misfortune of falling Sunday and breaking her left ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brady and children, Jean, Monica and Michael spent Sunday in Mackinac visiting relatives.

25 young people of the Epworth League enjoyed their first season's

outing on Beaver Island on the AuSable Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schaible and son Junior spent the weekend in Lansing and were accompanied home by Miss Beverly who had been spending the spring vacation with her grandparents, the J.E. Fletchers.

Misses Lillian and Evelyn Jordan have returned home after visiting relatives for several days in Bay City and Pinconning.

Don Reynolds won the district oratorical contest in competition with other employees of the Public Serve Co. Tonight he will go to Traverse to compete against winners in the other district.

It seems Lovells is having its share of fires, one burning the Acorn Club.

Edgar Caid is clerking in the T.E. Douglas store at Lovells.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feldhauser have moved to their farm in Maple Forest.

### 92 Years Ago April 16, 1908

Miss Frankie Love, daughter of John A. Love of Beaver Creek, who attended school here during the winter is now engaged in teaching in the Edmunds district in Maple Forest.

Tuesday was the warmest spring day to date, the mercury registering 76 degrees at 2 p.m.

George W. Brott turned 20,000 trout into the cold water of Simpson Lake last week.

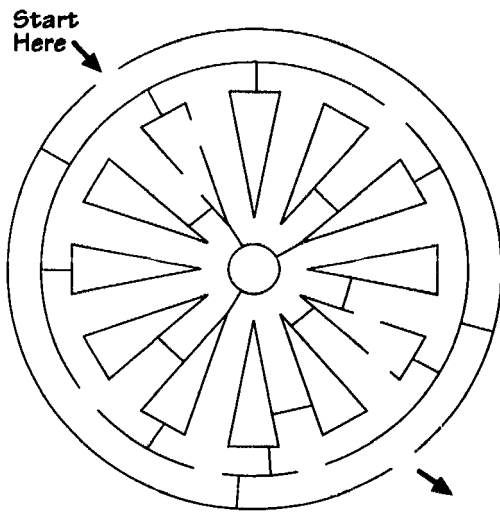
Wednesday trout fishing will be legal in the North Branch. Poor little boys who don't have \$50 outfit must stand back. The law was passed by U.S. and Co.

Roy Papenfus has bought 40 acres of Jos. Sims. He comes well recommended, another good farmer at Lovells.

Ten dry counties in Michigan is the result of Monday's election. Among the number are Grand Traverse and Missaukee.



## MAZE



## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

OARFISH OCELOT OKAPI OPOSSUM ORANGUTAN ORIOLE ORYX OSPREY OSTRICH OTTER OWL

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

E O C E L O T R O T  
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I E K A G P H O J O  
F Y A S O O T T E R  
R X P D F S X O C I  
A Y I O U S U Y V O  
O R A N G U T A N L  
P O W L O M N O W E

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Precip.
4/4	30	25	0.01"
4/5	48	26	0.05"
4/6	43	23	0.08"
4/7	34	25	0.11"
4/8	38	16	
4/9	35	23	
4/10	36	24	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - partly cloudy with a high near 45. Thursday - overcast and rainy, a low near 40 and a high in the low 50's. Friday - mainly cloudy with rain showers, a low near 45 and a high in the low 60's. Saturday - overcast with rain showers, a low near 40 and a high in the low 60's.

# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch  
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday  
Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or less, 10c per each additional word; includes Internet listing:  
www.townnews.com/avalanche/  
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**I BUY HOUSE** and land contracts. Pay cash. Quick closings. Are you facing foreclosure? Divorce? Leaving the area? Don't ruin your credit. Call Peninsula Funding 1-800-641-1717. (3/11/99)(f1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99)(f1)

**TWO-THREE BEDROOM** 1,500 square foot, family room-one car garage. \$57,000. By appointment. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99)(f1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LISTING YOUR Waterfront**, commercial or investment properties and would desire personal attention exposure given to your goals, not just a number. Call J. Lee Hamrick, Owner-Broker Hamrick Real Estate Co., P.C. Phone or Fax 517-348-5433. (3/30/00)(f1)

### 1. Real Estate

**GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS** for sale. Lifetime golf and ski memberships included. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 517-275-5445 (-30-6-13/1)

### 2. For Rent

**BUSINESS SPACE FOR LEASE** Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. North Business Loop. Immediate occupancy. 941-235-1277 (4/13/00)(f2)

**FOR LEASE** Two bedroom house in town. Washer and dryer hook-up. \$475 per month. \$500 deposit plus utilities. Available 4-18-2000 517-348-7517 (4/13/00)(f2)

**FURNISHED** Non-smoking, two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$375 month plus security. 734-459-6641 (-6-13-20/2)

**TWO BEDROOM RENTAL AVAILABLE** near Lake Margrethe \$425 month plus \$425 security deposit. Call 517-348-5838. (3/30/00)(f2)

**NEED RUBBER STAMPS?** Call (517) 348-6811.

**NEW OFFICE OR BUSINESS** space for rent. Busy highway, one mile west of I-75, exit 244. 517-821-5995 (3-17-2-16-30-13-27/2)

**ONE BEDROOM CABINS** Kitchen and living room combination with utilities \$300 and up. Call evenings. 517-826-1206 (-13-20/2)

### 2. For Rent

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** Two bedroom. For more information call 517-348-8636. (4/13/00)(f2)

**HELP WANTED HINTS** When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**COZY CABINS** in wooded setting at Lost Acres. Year round living at affordable prices with showers and toilets. Cabin One now ready. \$250 Small, but affordable. Cabin Five is a larger studio unit with separate kitchen and bath. \$375 All units have new paint and carpet. All rents include appliances, heat and electric. Security deposit is \$150. No pets allowed. Located at Lost Acres two miles south of Waters at 11010 N. Old U.S. 27. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976 weekdays or weekends at 231-535-2169 or 231-499-5815. (-30-6-13-20/2)

**FOR RENT** One bedroom apartment, second story, city limits, single, non-smoking, employed adult only, no pets. 517-348-6071 (1/6/00)(f2)

### 1. Real Estate

## RE/MAX OF GRAYLING

5728 M-72 West, Grayling  
Each office is independently owned & operated

348-7440 (Office)  
(800) 731-4002 (Toll Free)  
348-1265 (Res.)



**Tom Slavens**  
Sales Associate



**MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF LAKE MARGRETHE**  
AN EXCAVATED SITE ready to build on. A magnificent view of Lake Margrethe. This is a rare find. Ready to build your dream home or recreation cabin on Truly one of a kind, M-72 West to Eagle Point Road. Then south on Eagle Point to Lincoln Park. Right on Lincoln Park. Go to the end of road. Property on right. \$99,500 TS-1016



**1975 ARLINGTON**, 14x60 mobile on a full length slab with tie downs, new roof 5 years ago, electric budget \$24/month, frost free water hydrant, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, dead end driveway, beautiful mature shade trees and adjoins state land. Land Contract. \$28,900 TS-1075

**WANTED FAMILY RELOCATING** Two or more wooded acres to build home. Prefer Gerrish-Higgins or Houghton Lake schools. Please call 810-639-2480. (-6-13/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Available Fall 2000. Three year old contemporary home on 3.2 wooded acres with 187' frontage on upper AuSable River. 1,600 sq. ft. with 1,050 sq. ft. unfinished basement. Three bedroom, two bath, large deck with hot tub. Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, oak cabinets/trim, all new appliances, two car garage plus shed, close to town. Asking \$190,000. Serious inquiries only please to 517-348-7014. (-6-13-20-27/1)

**HOME FOR SALE** 168 ft. AuSable River frontage, exceptional view. Three bedrooms, two bath, hot tub, two car garage. \$154,900 517-348-3141 (-6-13/1)

**AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES** Building sites starting at \$7,000. Spec log home with loft. Well, septic, electric service. \$49,000 Near river and state land. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99)(f1)

### 2. For Rent

**MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS** your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Sande 517-366-4475 or Mary Ann 888-576-6468 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99)(f2)

**CABIN FOR RENT** Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99)(f2)



**CHARLENE SCHEER**  
Broker / Owner  
Valuation Specialist  
CRB, GRI, CRS, ABR

## RE/MAX OF GRAYLING

EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED



**CRAIG HINKLE**  
Broker/Owner  
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**NICE HOME IN THE CITY!** New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement. 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. Reduced \$66,500 CS-837



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**BEAUTIFUL NEW MODERN HOME IN THE CITY!** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1120 sq. ft. cedar cathedral ceilings, living room, dining and kitchen area. Kitchen has oak cabinets, island bar and sink. Oak floors throughout. Oak trim and solid oak doors. Custom fitted venetian blinds, paved drive and walkways. Front door has side light window, side entry, built-in breakfast nook and porch. Cement deck. Maintenance free vinyl siding and large energy efficient windows. Many more features. \$125,000 CS-963



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**Commercial Properties**

**US POSTAL SERVICE BUILDING** - 858 sq. ft. building with new roof in '97, paved parking lot. MLS #9-1704 \$50,000

**HIGH TRAFFIC AREA** - 180' of frontage on M-72 West. Parcel also includes a 12x65 mobile home currently being used as a rental. MLS #763 \$85,000

**LOCATION • LOCATION • LOCATION** - Commercial building has many possibilities. Amenities include central air, free-span ceiling, newer roof, 3 phase 220 electric, 2 barrier free bathrooms, loading doors, parking lot, major intersecting highways. West of Grayling - close to town. MLS #887 \$122,900

**RENTAL/EFFICIENCY UNITS** - Total of 7 units on 5.98 acres offering room to expand. Existing tenants have occupied units for many years. MLS #489 \$169,900

 <b>QUALITY BUILT NEW CONSTRUCTION</b> - Situated in one of Grayling's newest subdivisions. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, includes master suite with walk-in closet, garden tub, separate shower, wrap-in deck, quartz tile & better carpet throughout. Hardwood floors in kitchen & custom counter tops, all new appliances, with full gas replacement program. Hardwood floors, cedar siding, deck. 2 car attached heated garage, and a much more. Absolutely beautiful setting. \$109,900 MLS #415	 <b>QUALITY THROUGHOUT</b> - newer energy efficient ranch. Hardwood flooring in the kitchen-dining-hallways. Features large country kitchen with extensive oak cabinets, granite in backs & tile lighting. New 12x32 rear deck, shutters, vinyl siding, thermoseal and clad windows, better double doors and steel insulated doors. Professionally decorated interior with wallpaper and custom matching paint. \$78,900 MLS #4257	 <b>LOG HOME</b> , 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, full cut stone fireplace, w/ heater, large kitchen, new windows throughout, large deck, covered porch, full basement, finished, carpet, 8x10 shed, paved drive, natural gas forced air heat, both recently remodelled, new roof in 1994, appliances, French doors and much more. Home Warranty! \$99,000 MLS #4301
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**MAID WANTED** Apply River Country Motor Lodge, north I-75 Business Loop. (-13-20-27/3)

**AUTO TECHNICIAN** GM heavy engine and transmission auto technician needed. Must be state certified and have own tools. Factory training a plus but not necessary. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, professional working environment. Plenty of work available. Sign-on bonus to right applicant. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager, at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan, 517-348-5451 for interview appointment. (3/2/00t/3)

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**EXCEPTIONAL BUILDERS NEW HOUSE** with full walk out basement on the AuSable North Branch near Lovells. The main level is 2000 square feet with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. There is also a 2 car garage. The property is mostly hardwoods with a modest bank to the river and about 2 1/2 acres. The home will be finished with maple cabinets, all appliances, carpet, high efficiency gas furnace and much more. \$235,900 #GB-1063 Ask for Gary Boyd at 517-348-1102.

**3. Employment**

**HOUSEKEEPER (CUSTODIAL/SECURITY)** Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking a person to work on a part-time basis (19-26 hours per week) to provide housekeeping and security services in patient care and other areas of the hospital. Duties will include floor maintenance, repair and general cleaning. High school graduate or equivalent. Must be able to work, bend, kneel, push/pull and lift 50 lbs. Person occupying this position is eligible for part-time benefit package. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 or call 517-348-0528. (-13/3)

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**Neat log cottage** with open beam ceiling and stunning fieldstone fireplace. The property is close to town with easy access on a beautiful section of the river. #4542 \$179,000 Ask for Randy Thompson!

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### 3. Employment

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**JOE COLLEN WILL ARRIVE** April 29-May 13, 2000. It's great he will be here for two weeks to see his family and friends before he leaves on a five month boat tour through Southeast Asia. The same area he toured last year. It was so hot there they were drinking two gallons of water a day. He's getting out next year when he completes his four years of duty. (-13-20-27/9)

### Happy 60th Anniversary

April 19th  
Roy & Mo Lovely

Love,  
Chum, Fuzz & Punk

## 9. Personals



Love,  
Mom & Dad

## 10. Garage Sales

**EASTER BASKET GOODIES** at J. Dap Co! Stop by at 118 Michigan Ave. before the Easter Bunny visits. (-13-20/10)



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HOURS  
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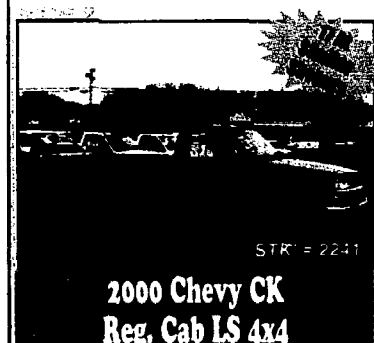
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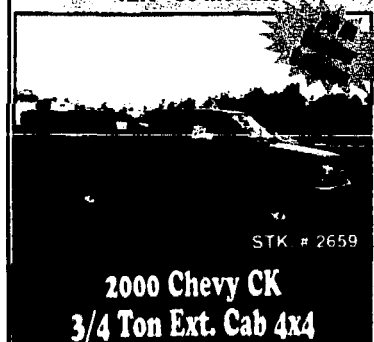
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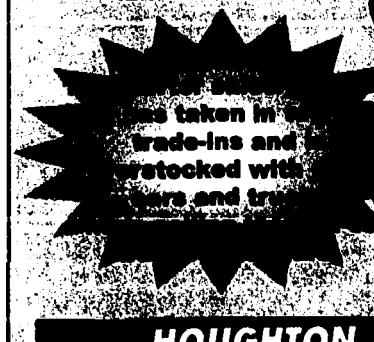
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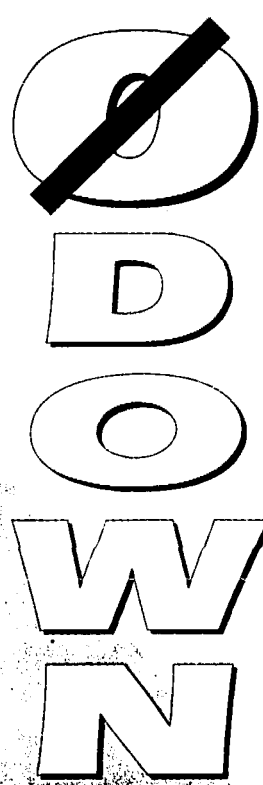
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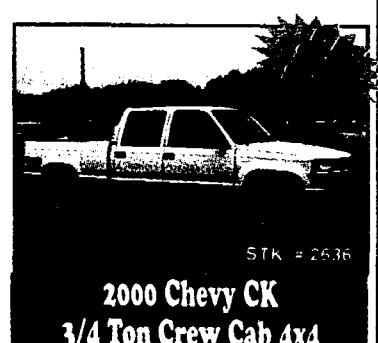
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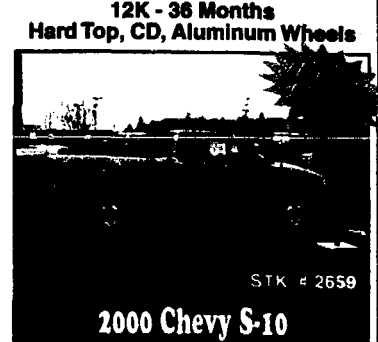
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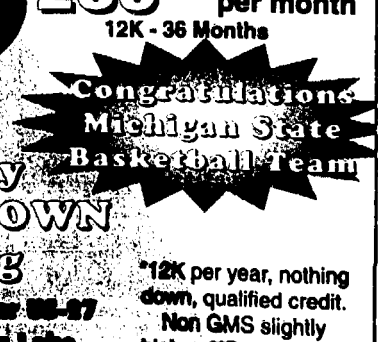
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**1997 Chevy Camaro** - Auto., air, tilt, cruise, power windows/doors, cassette, keyless entry, very clean & only 24,000 miles & factory warranty. Stock #113913 Was \$15,988 Now \$15,688  
**1997 Saturn SC2 Coupe** - Sharp little red 2 door with air, auto., CD player, cruise and much more! Nice! Stock #209024 Was \$13,288 Now \$12,888  
**1997 Geo Prizm** - Great economy car, built to last! Air, 5 speed manual, sunroof, CD player, cruise, power windows and locks, gets great gas mileage! Stock #419067 Was \$11,488 Now \$10,988  
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### TRUCKS & VANS

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**1998 Pontiac Montana Extended 4 Dr. Minivan** - Loaded, sand beige, midship captains chairs, this beauty won't last! Stock #17282-1 Was \$19,988 Now \$19,688  
**1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette GLS** - (top of the line) Beige with leather, loaded, 4 door with power passenger sliding door! Stock #4293 Was \$20,988 Now \$20,488  
**1998 Chevy Blazer** - 4 door, 4x4, LT with leather, loaded. New and sharp. Stock #4285 Was \$18,988 Now \$18,488  
**1998 Pontiac Trans Sport** - Great minivan with only 26,000 miles. Nicely equipped with the options you need. Stock #4278 Was \$17,988 Now \$17,488  
**1998 Pontiac Montana** - Loaded! Everything available is on this one! Ready for your spring break trip to warm weather. Stock #4277 Was \$18,488 Now \$17,988  
**1998 Ford Windstar** - Nice shape, full equipment. Less than half the price of a new one. Stock #17118-1 Was \$13,988 Now \$13,288  
**1998 Chevrolet Tahoe 4 Dr. 4x4 LT** - Maxed out leather, CD/cassette. Brand new tires! Off lease. Don't pay \$40,000. Stock #4242 Was \$27,988 Now \$26,988  
**1998 Olds Bravada All Wheel Drive** - Sharp! Black, grey leather, all the goodies! Stock #4249 Was \$22,988 Now \$22,488  
**1997 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4 3/4 ton** - Cream puff, 27,000 actual miles. LS with cloth, two tone and it's not \$45,000 like a new one! Stock #17283-1 Was \$27,988 Now \$27,488  
**1997 Chevy Venture LS Extended Mini-Van** - Very sharp and still under the factory warranty! Stock #4274 Was \$17,488 Now \$16,988  
**1997 GMC Safari Van** - Air, loaded, great for a family! This one won't last! Stock #512256 Was \$16,988 Now \$16,488  
**1997 Chevy Suburban 4x4** - Cream puff! Loaded, rear air, trailing, CD/cassette, aluminum wheels. 31,000 miles. Stock #4243 Was \$27,988 Now \$26,988  
**1997 Dodge Ram 2500** - Cummins Turbo Diesel Club Cab, 2 wheel drive, SLT, longbox, trailer puller. Stock #4253 Was \$20,988 Now \$19,988  
**1996 GMC Sonoma** - 4 cyl. automatic, regular cab. Great little truck with auto transmission. Stock #4279 Was \$9,988 Now \$9,688  
**1994 Chevrolet Astro All Wheel Drive Conversion Van** - Loaded all wheel drive for Michigan weather and not \$20,000. Stock #17267-1 Was \$8,488 Now \$7,988  
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